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Looking Over Phase II Plans



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHN P. STONE and Town Manager Edward A. Caba review plans with Tighe and Bond Engineer Stanley Kulig and Contractor Joe Fantoni in Feeding Hills. The Phase II Sewer Project, according to Caba, has officially reached the initial steps of construction. Caba says the project is possible because of a \$1 million grant received by the town from the federal government. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Gerald J. Mason Hired By Court House As Sports Promoter



GERALD J. MASON

A well-known local sports figure for over 30 years, Gerald J. Mason, has been hired by the Court House Racquetball and Health Fitness Facility to manage the athletic programs at the Feeding Hills based facility.

Mason is the retiring president of the Agawam Athletic Association and has been recognized for his contributions to the youth of the community. He organized the AAA and was responsible for over 12 programs serving some 2,000 youth each year.

Mason said, "I am very pleased to join the staff of the Court House. I feel the facilities that are available at the Court House and the athletic programs that are being planned are of superior nature and I am enthusiastic about the adult programs we will be offering for the membership."

Mason said that a full-line of programs for the children members will be developed shortly after the establishment's official opening on Saturday, November 14.

Mason pointed out that over 1,000 people attended the Court House's open house last weekend. The "Early-Bird" open house, sponsored by the Court House staff, said Mason, will continue each day from 9am-5pm until the official opening November 14.

Mason said special attention will be allocated to the development of adult programs dropped by the town's Park and Recreation Department and that these programs are now in the planning stages and will be unveiled following the November 14 grand opening.

Mason has already included several programs dropped by the town's Park and Rec Dept, including men's adult basketball, women's slimnastics, aerobics and a self-defense class program. A women's basketball league will also be included in the athletic program, Mason said.

"Please come down and take a look at our programs and facilities and speak to the professional staff. I am convinced an establishment of this nature is needed by Agawam and will be a contribution to the town."

Caba Says Phase II Sewers Ready To Go

Town Manager Edward A. Caba today announced that the town has officially begun the initial steps of construction of the Phase II Sanitary Sewer Project in Feeding Hills.

Caba said all necessary contracts have been signed and approved by the state agencies involved with the project. He noted that there have been many delays over the past few years and that residents in this area of town "have been more than patient with us."

Caba said the town was able to move forward with the project despite the fiscal restraints of Proposition 2 1/2. He said the administration was able to secure a \$1 million grant from the state.

"In order for us to move forward with this project it was still necessary for us to share some of the costs with those directly benefitting from the new sewer lines."

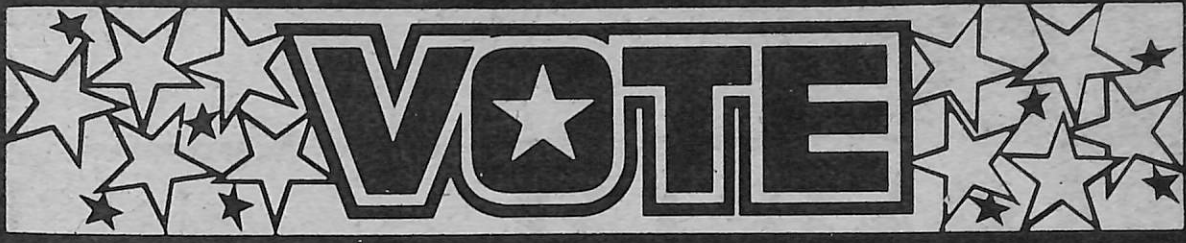
Caba said the project has created much concern by residents in the Phase II Sewer area over the share of the project to be picked-up by area residents. Several meetings have resulted from this citizen concern, and Caba said the committee appointed to represent the concerns of the sewerless homeowners is continuing to deal with the matter in concert with the administration.

Gov. King Visit Local Firm



GOVERNOR EDWARD J. KING last week visited Agawam's National Aerospace Inc. of 11 Ramah Circle part of a Western Mass. tour of area businesses. Greeting King were company officials Donald M. Smith, Jr., and Ronald P. Masnick, company president. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine

"it's more than a privilege, it's a responsibility"



Election Statements

TOWN COUNCIL AT LARGE

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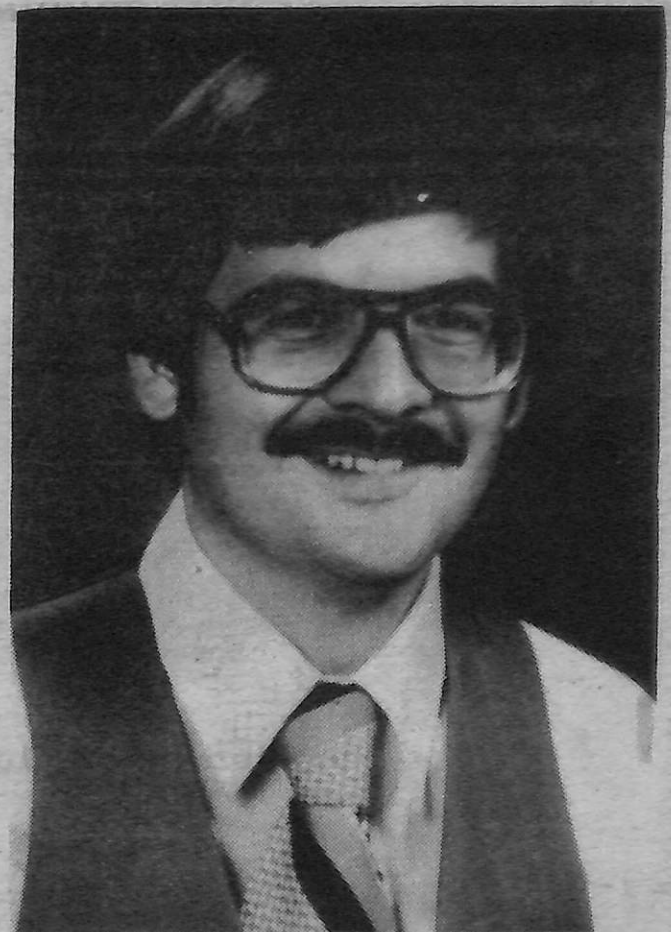
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DENNIS ROBERTS

Roberts Pledges To Work For Best Interests Of Town

According to Dennis Roberts, candidate for election at large to the Town Council, the most important consideration to be determined before election day is whether a candidate can "stand by his conscience and do what is best for Agawam."

"Too often public officials are influenced by groups or factions in the community that cloud the real issues," said Roberts. "I stand for what I feel is right. My education has almost solely been devoted to public administration. I can make informed decisions thus saving you tax dollars and making Proposition 2½ work without excessive increases in fees and other changes."

Roberts went on to say, "More importantly, I am a worker. When problems arise, Dennis Roberts will take the lead and try to solve them. I made this commitment to the residents of Precinct 6 several years ago when I ran as a precinct councilor and won, and I make the same commitment to all the residents of Agawam in my candidacy for councilor-at-large. I wish to return to the council for only one reason. I want to work for you!"

Roberts declared, "It is easy to support more efficient government but it is much harder to deliver on that promise. I feel that my background gives me the tools necessary to back my claims with action. My pledge to you is that my votes will be in your interest."

Stamp Prices Rise November 1st

The cost of mailing a first-class letter will rise to 20 cents beginning Sunday, November 1st, when new postage rates go into effect. Postmasters Robert DeForge and Joseph Dahdah reminded customers today.

They also caution customers not to wait till the last minute to purchase stamps in order to avoid long lines once the new rates become effective.

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Councilor-At-Large

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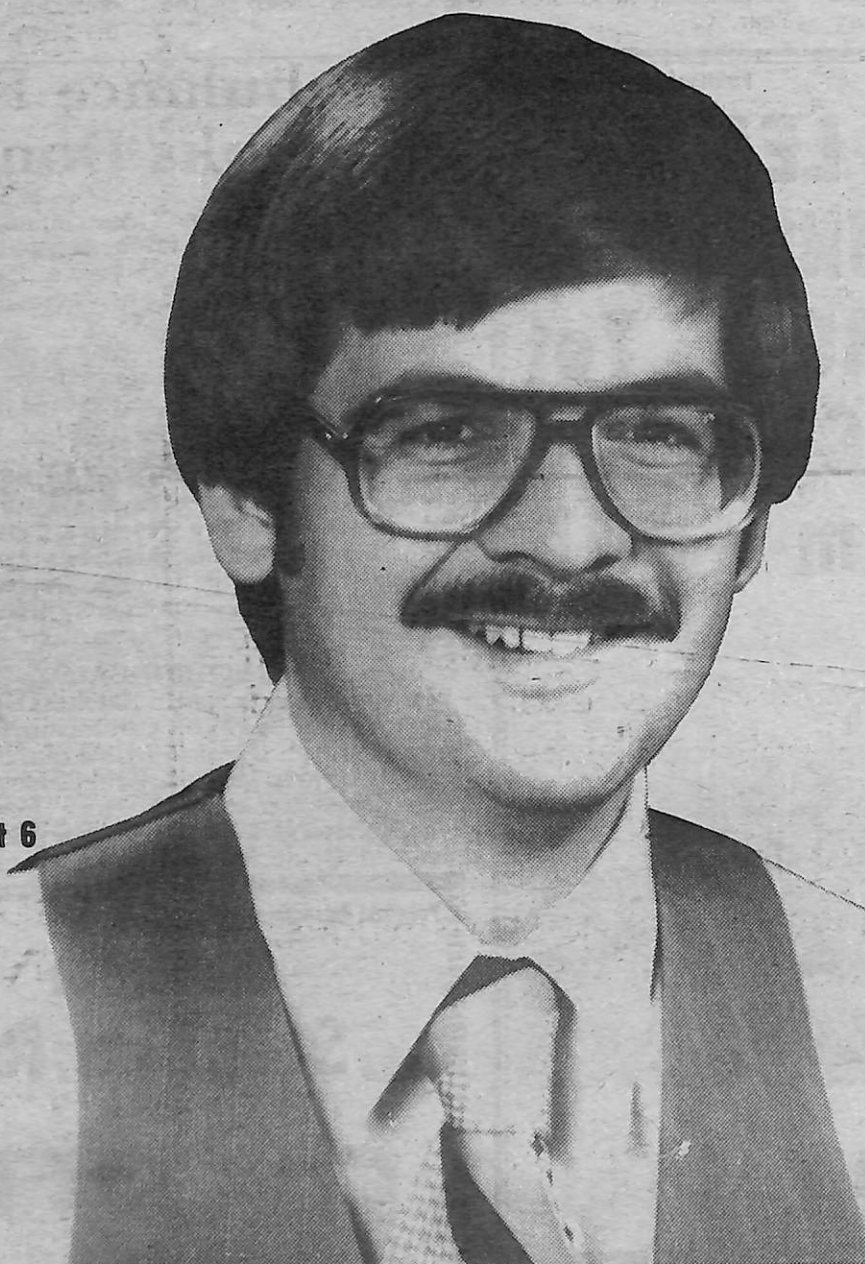
INTEGRITY

Master of Public Administration,
University of Hartford.

B.A. Political Science, American
International College

Former Town Councilor, Precinct 6

Former Member of the Board
of Appeals



Presently Account Executive at
Positions Inc., West Springfield

Member, American Society for
Public Administration

Former Night Manager
Agawam Big Y

"He Makes A Difference"

"It is time to elect people who will not be influenced by factions, but rather do what is best for Agawam. I am tired of hearing our Public Officials use Proposition 2½ as an excuse for burdening the citizens with unnecessary increases in fees and water bills. Efficient government starts with qualified elected officials.....I am ready to work for you!!!"

Roland & Huey Roberts
61 Arbor Lane

Henry & Teresa Perusse
335 Adams Street

Roland J. Roberts Jr.
549 South West Street

Neil Cormier
114 Rivera Drive

Carlene A. Roberts
19 Sutton Place

Bill & Kathy Rivers
347 Springfield Street

Dick & Caroline Bassett
788 Suffield Street

John Lowell
31 Gunn Geary Lane

PRECINCT I



FREDERICK NARDI

Nardi Pledges Responsiveness

Precinct One councilor Frederick Nardi today pledged his support to iron out a solution for the sewerless home owners in the precinct and throughout the community and pledged to remain responsive to the needs of residents of Precinct One and to those needs of residents throughout Agawam. Nardi will seek another term as a member of Town Council in next Tuesday's municipal elections. Nardi is a longtime participant in local politics and also has participated in many clubs and organizations in the community over the past 30 years.

Nardi said he will continue to "run on my record." Nardi noted that in the past two years, that before he has voted on various issues facing the precinct and the community, "I have first consulted with my constituents. I have always tried to keep in close contact with the people who vote me into office and I also have many friends throughout Agawam. I get a good reading on issues by discussing them with residents first."

Nardi said that he was a leader in addressing the problems experienced by the community with rubbish pickups and also was adamant about maintaining weekly trash collections here.

He pointed out that he supported a member of the community for town manager instead of seeking a candidate from outside of Agawam. Nardi also voted against the increases in water and sewer rates here.

Nardi helped take the lead during budget deliberations to maintain a responsible school budget. "I have always supported quality education in Agawam and my record as a councilor has proven that time and time again," Nardi said.

"I've always tried to maintain the attitude that the residents of the community count first," he said. "I think I bring a business approach to the Town Council and feel that this is an asset in understanding the town budget."

Nardi is a former selectman, a former chairman of the Agawam Board of Health, a former member of the Massachusetts Board of Public Welfare and has been a member of several important Town Council subcommittees.

He is a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, a member of the Stigmatine Fathers Scholarship Fund Committee, and is Senior Vice-President of Sweet Life Foods Inc in Suffield, Connecticut.

Nardi is a former U.S. Marine, Springfield "Man of the Year", Boys Town of Italy "Man of the Year" and Connecticut Food Stores Association's "Man of the Year."



DeLucchi Promises New Ideas

Candidate for Town Council from Precinct 1 Mario J. DeLucchi said he hopes the voters will give him the opportunity on November 3rd to represent them at the Town Council.

He said that his main aim is to stop unnecessary spending, but not at the sacrifice and ending services that townspeople have been accustomed to.

"The decision to abolish the Parks and Recreation Department was one of the most idiotic decisions that any administrator has ever made in this or any other town," DeLucchi declared. "When we have become so insensitive to programs that help mold our youth, that some day will be leaders in our community, something has gone astray somewhere."

DeLucchi also said he wants to bring new and fresh ideas to the town.

"I want to bring the people and the council closer together," he said.

DeLucchi concluded: "Above all, I want all to know that I will stand on my own two feet and never will make a decision unless it is in the best interest of the entire town."



Mead, the mildly alcoholic beverage that was the favorite drink of Queen Elizabeth I, was made by combining honey and water with spices, herbs and lemons. After boiling, it was left to stand for three months. Finally it was bottled, and considered fit to drink six weeks later.

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Ambulance Fund Thanks Donors

The Agawam Firemen's Association would like to extend thanks to local businesses and organizations along with individuals who have donated to their ongoing fund to purchase a new ambulance to service the townspeople of Agawam.

The firefighters are attempting to raise \$50,000 and will greatly appreciate donations in any amount. Contributions may be mailed to the fund in care of P.O. Box 911, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

BUSINESSES & CLUBS

Edward T. Mish Silversmith; Feeding Hills Federated Community Women's Club; Line-Right; Taylor Rental; Anchor Machine; Agawam Public Market; Community Grange No.382; H. Davis Cabinet Shop; Valley Community Church Women's Aux.; and the Buccaneer Lounge.

INDIVIDUALS

Margaret Hagerty, Jacob Karolinski, John & Peggy Voight; Clifford & Phyllis Catchepaugh; Julia Duclos; George & Helen Liptak; Virginia Blackburn, Edith & Richard Toelken, James & Edith Donovan

Also, Kris Frankenburg, Noah Nesin, Elizabeth Hughes, Edward & Rose Duquette, Herbert & Ruth Litchfield, Odette White, and Andrew Nadrowski.

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Re-Elect Stephen R.

CINCOTTA

Councilor-At-Large

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Dear Friends,

Fred Nardi has the concern and the experience that it takes to get the job done.

That is why I'm voting for Fred to re-elect him as my Councilor in Precinct I.

Regards,

Joseph D. Rolland
North St. Feeding Hills



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Precinct II



WALTER T. KERR

Kerr Seeking Re-election

Walter T. Kerr, incumbent councilor from Precinct 2, made the following statement as he seeks re-election to a second term in office.

"I feel my past government experience of four years as State Representative, twelve years as Selectman and many years as town meeting member, along with my present term as councilor, are a great help in dealing with Proposition 2½ and the many budget problems Agawam will face in the next two years.

As a member of the Route 57 Committee that is working toward a safe and sensible highway for Agawam, I believe my continued service would be in Agawam's best interest. This past term I have served on two manager search committees.

Precinct two is the largest precinct and will also be faced with some large problems in the next two years. One problem is how to pay for the Phase 2 and Phase 3 sewer systems. I will do my best to resolve these problems by applying my experience.

I am presently employed as Chief Investigator for the Massachusetts Attorney General's office. I was formerly employed at the American Bosch from 1944 to 1966. For the last 28 years, I have resided at 825 North West Street, Feeding Hills."

Herd Pledges Communication

Precinct 2 Councilman William Herd pledges continued good representation with communication if re-elected to the Agawam Town Council on November 3rd.

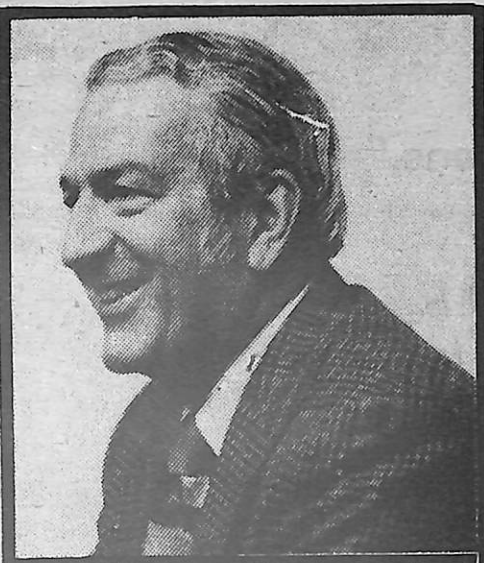
"I have worked hard to help solve some of the special problems that tend to pop up in such an expanding precinct as ours," Herd stated. "I've spent many hours on the phone answering residents' questions, attended and called special meetings to work out problems involving traffic, drainage, sewers and dogs. After my six years working with and for the residents of the precinct, they know I care about them, the precinct and the town."

Herd said, "I firmly believe that the present Council-Manager form of government is best for Agawam. A change to the mayor form will bring an end to 1) true responsive precinct representation; 2) competent management over town businesses; and 3) progress in Agawam."

The mayor form will give you 1) a political administrator and his 'friends' in office and 2) a return to the squeaky-wheel approach to town affairs. I will vote NO on question 1."

Herd urges residents to step forward and vote on November 3rd.

"I and the manager form of government need your support," Herd said. "Don't let a small vocal minority shape you and your town's future."



RE-ELECT FRED NARDI COUNCILOR, PRECINCT 1 LEVER 8 A ROBINSON SCHOOL TUES. 3 NOV.

The following issues were placed on the Council agenda for consideration during Fred Nardi's most recent term in office. How would you have voted? Below is how Nardi voted.

1. Increase water and sewer rates.-Nardi voted No!
2. Maintain a responsible school budget-Nardi voted Yes!
3. Weekly trash collections-Nardi voted Yes!
4. 100% Revaluation-Nardi voted No!
5. A local candidate for Town Manager-Nardi voted Yes!
6. Establish a central purchasing department for cash control and maximum cash discounts-Nardi voted Yes!

**Some People Talk Change,
Others make it Happen!**

VOTE FRED NARDI Councilor, Precinct 1

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Good News Dept.

America: Still

a "Have" Nation

Surprisingly, everything needed to meet our growing energy demands with domestic supplies is available to us!

If we respond to the energy crisis as we responded to earlier crises—if we rise above regional and other parochial interests and unite on common objectives; if we go all out to develop adequate and secure domestic energy supplies—we can slow the decline of U.S. oil production, stabilize natural gas production, greatly increase our use of coal and nuclear, begin obtaining significant production of synthetic fuels and additional production from renewable resources.

Once we do this, the effect on the American economy may be dramatic. It could create thousands of new jobs, directly and indirectly. The disruption in Americans' lifestyle would be minimized by secure and adequate supplies of gasoline and heating oil. Reducing oil imports would strengthen the dollar and reduce inflation—and less of our wealth and fewer of our jobs would



The United States is heavily—and many believe needlessly—dependent on foreign countries for energy. leave the country.

These are not forecasts or promises, say experts at Mobil Oil Corporation. They are objectives—obtainable objectives.

We must now develop appropriate government policies to let us continue to find and produce the substantial quantities of oil and gas that we still need while we begin the transition to new energy sources, the experts say. What is needed is better public understanding and communication with elected representatives.

With strong and understanding leadership, we may not have to endure another energy crisis before we face the gravity of the situation.

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VOTERS of AGAWAM

"Mr. Moreno should be listened to, for he is one of the three most knowledgeable men in municipal government in town."

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2A VOTE FOR

MORENO

Former Town Councilor
Author Of "Moreno Plan"
High School And Town Complex
Study Committee
Taxpayer's Association (President)
Building Inspector 2 Yrs.
Zoning By-Law Revision Commission
Housing Authority 5 Yrs.
Democratic Town Committee 35Yrs.

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Forthrightness And
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Get The Job Done.**

**As Stated By James C. Atwater,
Correspondent Of Springfield
Newspapers On Town Meeting Floor.**

Town Meeting Member
Industrial Development
Commission 7 Yrs.
Town Report Committee
Zoning By-Law Enforcement Officer
2 Yrs.
School Health Council
South St. School Building Committee
President "Citizens For Good
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DANIEL LACIENSKI

Lacienski Promises Business-Like Approach

Daniel J. Lacienski, candidate for Town Council from Precinct 2, has made the following remarks in summarizing major campaign issues which concern him.

"When I first declared my candidacy six months ago, I stated that a more business-like approach to the council is needed. I still maintain that stance. One must keep in mind that if we have a change in the form of government or not, the council will remain as the legislative body. The ultimate responsibility for the future of the town will be with the council. No chief executive, whether a mayor or manager, can do it alone.

I cannot honestly find one constructive idea that has come out of the council in the past two years. I sincerely think that more could have been done to lessen the impact of the betterments ordinance on the residents in the Phase II sewer project area before it was passed.

Certainly no one can disagree that the future of our community lies with our youth. The elimination of the entire Parks and Rec. Department was a disgrace and an easy source of budget cutting. I would have preferred to see a modified version of the department without eliminating it totally.

Everyone is aware of the constraints that have been placed on municipalities by the double-edged sword of Prop. 2½ and the general economy. I am confident that by elimination of waste and duplication of services, without cutting services, along with taking advantage of all state and federal funds and a good business approach we can continue to grow and prosper.

In closing, I wish to remind you that the single most precious gift that we enjoy is our freedom to choose. I urge all of you to exercise that freedom and to vote on November 3rd."

Precinct III



DAVID SKOLNICK

Skolnick Declares Safety Makes Sense

David Skolnick, candidate for Town Council from Precinct 3, has released the following report regarding an investigation he has undertaken into the Agawam Police Department.

"This report of our police department, as I saw it on a recent Friday night, is just what it is, a report. First, I am curious about how our taxpayers spend their money as a citizen and as a candidate for council. We hear all kinds of stories...how true, how false, I do not know, so I asked the chief of police if I might go on a tour of duty in a police cruiser on a busy night. He said Friday night is 'busy' so I accepted and went on tour from 6 to 11 p.m.

The officer on duty told me that Agawam is divided into four zones with one officer patrolling each zone. Agawam has about 23.7 square miles to patrol with a population of approximately 27,000 people. I was amazed to see that some streets are well-lighted and some are completely unlighted. Just think of going down an unlighted street at 10 p.m. with many houses on the street. What an eerie feeling, knowing you could be a perfect sitting duck at any moment.

I shall now describe one of the 'calls' we ran into. A lady about 40 years old was causing a disturbance and was brought into the police station for 'booking.' AGAIN, I was amazed to see that NO policeman is on duty at the station during the evening and midnight shifts. I'll say it again, NO policeman is on duty fulltime at the station during these important shifts.

You ask me, 'Who is?' I found a young civilian dispatcher on duty. When this lady was booked, she had no privacy, no bulletproof glass to protect her or any other person there. The station is wide open for anything to happen.

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DONALD RHEAULT

Rheault Seeks Fourth Term

Councilor Donald Rheault is seeking his fourth term to the Agawam Town Council. He has released the following statement regarding his candidacy:

"I feel my strong showing in the primary was because of my voting record during the past two years and for that I am very grateful to the voters of Precinct 3. I have been outspoken for the people and I will continue to speak out on important issues that are not in the best interest of those I represent.

It was a crime for the council to allow our former manager to dissolve the Parks and Recreation Department. I alone spoke publicly against that action, and it has paid off. If we don't spend money on some programs for the youth, we'll end up spending it in the police budget.

Route 57 is still a must. As a member of the Route 57 state-appointed task force, I will continue to work diligently until that highway is completed. Much progress has been made and experience is critical at this time to be sure we have a voice that can be heard.

As for the form of government, I believe we need a change. The reasons are very simple. The form of government has nothing to do with our tax rate as they are trying to make you believe. This issue here is do you want to select the mayor as you did with selectmen?

I believe the people of Agawam can make a better choice than the council did over the past ten years. Whether mayor or manager - the job is the same.

The other concern I have is that by changing to a mayor, you also have the opportunity to vote for all your councilors. That is why we have so many problems on the council - they know you can't vote for them.

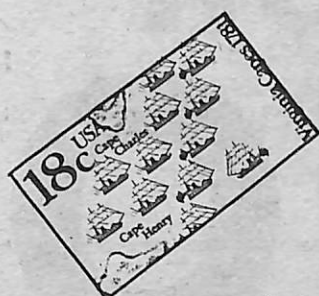
I think it's time that we as councilors have to answer to all of the people of Agawam and not just to a select few."

Rheault has lived in Agawam for over forty years and is a resident of 536 Mill Street along with his wife Joan and their three sons, Michael, Brian, and Scott.

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*Mr. & Mrs. Voter
Precinct 3
Agawam - Feeding Hills
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Dear Voter:

On November the 3rd, you will have the opportunity to select two councilors who will represent you, the people of Precinct 3. I believe that I can bring to the position of Councilor a positive attitude, integrity, initiative and dedication.

I would sincerely appreciate your vote.

Thank-You
Jack Shaughnessy

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF AGAWAM

TOWN WARRANT FOR THE TOWN ELECTION Hampden, ss: TO: The Constables of the Town of Agawam

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in compliance with the provisions set forth in the Agawam Home Rule Charter as adopted November 16, 1971, the inhabitants of the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, qualified to vote in elections, are herewith notified to meet in their respective polling places as follows:

PRECINCT 1
Robinson Park Elementary School,
65 Begley St.

PRECINCT 2
Clifford M. Granger School,
South Westfield St.

PRECINCT 3
Agawam High School,
760 Cooper St.

PRECINCT 4
Agawam Middle School,
100 Main St.

PRECINCT 5
Benjamin J. Phelps School,
School St.

PRECINCT 6
James Clark School,
65 Oxford St.

on **TUESDAY**, the **THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER**, 1981, at 8 o'clock A.M. for the following purposes:

Then and there to bring in their ballots for the election of officials to the following office:

THREE COUNCILMEN AT LARGE - To be voted for in all precincts for a term to expire on the first secular day in January of 1984.

TWELVE PRECINCT COUNCILMEN - Two from each of the six precincts for a term to expire on the first secular day in January of 1984.

SEVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS - To be voted for in all precincts for a term to expire on the first secular day in January of 1984.

and then and there to bring in their votes on the following questions:

The charter proposed as summarized in Question 1 will take effect if a majority of the voters voting on it vote to approve it.

If the proposed charter does not receive a majority vote to approve, the present form of government shall be retained.

QUESTION NO. 1. Mayor-Council Proposal.

Shall this town approve the new charter recommended by the Charter Commission,

SUMMARY NO. 1

This home rule charter proposes a mayor-council form of government, with the mayor and nine councillors all elected at large for two year terms. The mayor will be the chief administrative officer, will be responsible for the general management of governmental affairs, and will have the veto power.

The school committee will be composed of seven members, all elected at large for two year terms. Citizen rights of initiative and referendum are preserved in the charter, giving the voter final control over town affairs.

YES _____
NO _____

QUESTION NO. 2

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and eighty-one entitled "An act exempting all positions in the city known as the town of Agawam from the provisions of civil service law and rules be accepted"?

YES _____
NO _____

The polls will open at eight o'clock A.M. and will close at eight o'clock P.M.

ORDERED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL
on the 7th day of October 1981.

ATTEST:

Rita S. Rose
Acting Town & Council Clerk
Published: October 22, 1981

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Did they put her in a holding cell until the next day for court? Of course not, there is no matron on duty since we have none, so the police had to call Longmeadow police to keep her over there for the night because they have a matron on duty.

Does this overnight business cost the taxpayers of Agawam money? Are you kidding? Who does anything for nothing these days?

Now for the big surprise, to transfer this lady to Longmeadow takes TWO policemen since a policeman does not go by himself with a lady prisoner. She could yell 'rape' or other interesting accusations, so another policeman leaves his zone to help transport this person to Longmeadow, leaving two zones unprotected for over an hour.

Being very curious, I went over to our neighbor's police station in West Springfield and checked them out. I found that West Springfield is divided into six zones with one policeman in each cruiser in each zone PLUS a walking policeman on Elm Street. When someone is booked in West Springfield, the prisoner is taken into the police station from the rear of the station - no one sees or hears what's going on during the process of being booked. The accident and investigation room is AWAY from the public.

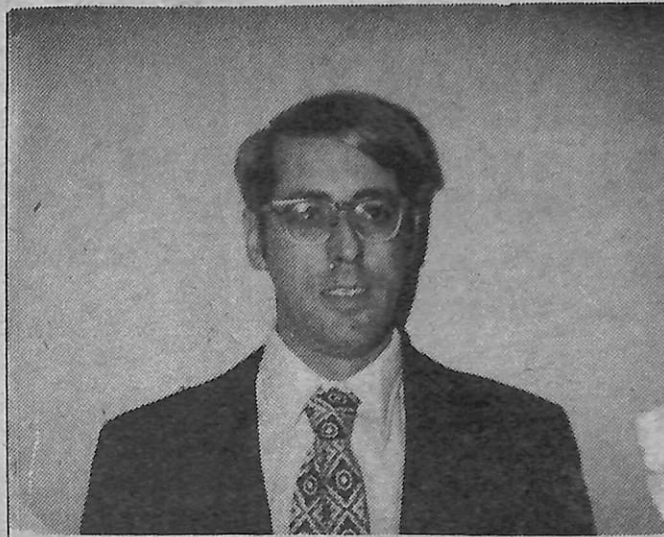
By the way, I found that West Springfield's population is about 28,000 people.

I might add that our policemen, in addition to their police work, deliver mail to our councilors, to the courts, prosecutors and other agencies.

Since Parks and Recreation closed down, more than 2,500 young people have nothing to do in the form of recreation so naturally some congregate around Friendly's looking to do 'something.'

As I said at the beginning of this report, we have a police department that is spread out thinly. As one of the main issues of my platform, I will fight to strengthen our valiant, but depleted police department and give our current police force the support and encouragement they and our entire town deserve.

Finally, I am definitely NOT for freely spending our taxpayers' money; however, when OUR lives, our welfare, and our property are at stake, this becomes a need that must be met."



JACK SHAUGHNESSY

Shaughnessy: No Rubber Stamping

Precinct 3 candidate for Town Council Jack Shaughnessy today issued the following statement as the election campaign heads into its final days.

"Over the past few months I have attempted to bring forth the issues to the voters of Precinct 3. I have tried to meet each and every home in the precinct and discuss the issues with the residents here. I believe

my position in the primary (Shaughnessy finished second) shows that my hard work has been working."

Shaughnessy re-stated his support for the mayor charter for the community rather than continuing with the present manager system.

"I believe that after 10 years of outside town managers and instability from Town Council, we must return the government back to the residents and allow them to vote for a mayor and for all of the council. I believe residents of the community deserve this and I believe that on election day the mayor charter will prevail over the manager charter."

Shaughnessy noted that his opposition to dramatic increases in sewer and water rates, the elimination of the Parks and Recreation Department, and the current situation in Feeding Hills for the sewerless homeowners was created by the town manager and his supporters.

"The residents of the community are tired of the politics by the town manager and his supporters. This is why the movement is towards mayor. I have based a good portion of my candidacy on the merits of the mayor campaign along with several other issues that are important to both the precinct and the entire town."

If elected, Shaughnessy promised to meet the needs of the entire community and to "not be a rubber stamp for the town administration."

"The issues of the campaign and the ones facing this community are not terribly complex," Shaughnessy said. "What we need is to get some fresh blood pumped into town government and use some common sense approaches, such as being responsive to all of the residents," Shaughnessy said.

"This is why I feel that appointed, outside town manager controlled by the Town Council has failed and now it's time to return the government back to the voters of Agawam through an elected mayor and a nine-member council at-large.

"I believe that for the past four years I have represented my precinct and the Town of Agawam professionally and with integrity.

I strongly support the council-manager form of government. I strongly support an effective substitute for the travesty which is Civil Service. I strongly support the revision and strengthening of our zoning by-laws so that the taxpayers will no longer subsidize the builders and real estate developers.

On the other hand, the pro-mayor group stands for everything I oppose, and it has for the past ten years. Regardless of what they call themselves, they represent special interests and politics in the worse sense of the word. They want to eliminate precinct representa-

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PRECINCT V Paleologopoulos Reaffirms Stance For Manager Gov't

Precinct 5 incumbent councilor Paul Paleologopoulos has announced his candidacy for re-election with the following statement:

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AGAWAM VOTERS

FACT: Since 1973, Over 7 Million Dollars Has Been Cut From "Professional Managers Budgets.

FACT: Since 1973, Over 19 Million Dollars In State Aid Had Come Into Our Community That Town Managers Had Nothing To Do With.

FACT: If It Were Not For The Budget Cuts By Town Council Of The "Professional Budgets" And The State Aid, Our Tax Rate Would Be Higher Than Any In Western Mass.

**VOTE YES
QUESTION 1**

**VOTE MAYOR...
ON NOVEMBER 3...**

**Town Government, Not The Appointed
Voice Of A "Professional"**

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PAUL PALEOLOGOPOULOS

tion and achieve minority control. They represent the people who live off Agawam. I want to represent the people who live in Agawam.

Please vote against the mayor form of government and against Civil Service.

Booklet Helps You Beat . . .

The High Cost Of Postage

How can the general public and businesses cope with the most drastic Postal Service price increases in the past several years? By getting a copy of the booklet Penny-Pinching Postal Pointers by Edmund J. Gross. The booklet makes you aware of the Postal Service and just what this service offers. It shows ways to save money when using it and points out the pitfalls most of us run into when not using it properly.

The booklet is especially valuable now that the Postal Service is planning additional sizeable increases in rates. Knowing how to use the mail properly can help you circumvent the pangs of these dramatic increases.

By proper use of the Postal Service you can save a good deal of money. As an example — Did you know that additional ounces above the first ounce of First Class mail costs less? (First ounce 15¢, additional ounces only 13¢ each.) The new anticipated rate of 20¢ will have an additional ounce rate of 17¢, thus a saving of 3¢ for each additional ounce. These pennies saved can add up to sizeable amounts at the end of each year.

Also, money can be saved by knowing when to use the right class of mail or the least expensive special service such as using Certified Mail instead of Registered Mail when there is no monetary value in the contents. Or should you use Special Handling instead of Special Delivery on packages?

And on and on — over 50 money-saving tips.

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Councilor

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Stephen R.
CINCOTTA
Councilor-At-Large

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PRECINCT VI
Trehey Up Again
For Pct. 6

Alfred Trehey has announced he is seeking reelection to Town Council from Precinct 6. He held this seat on the council in 1976-1977 when he was a member of four council committees.

He is a native of Agawam and a graduate of Agawam High, where he played football and hockey. He was also a member of the original Agawam Brownies semi-pro football team.

He graduated from Springfield Armory Apprentice Toolmaker School and was employed 27 years at Springfield Armory, moving afterwards to General Electric, Crompton Knowles, and Spartan Saw. He is a World War II veteran of 13th Special U.S. Seabee Battalion in the Pacific.

Trehey would like to remind citizens of Precinct 6 of accomplishments which took place during the past two years.

"There was the resurfacing of Allen, Garden, Parker, Pine, Silver, Stewart Lane, and a long-needed section of Suffield Street south from below Silver. The plans for the reconstruction of Shoemaker Lane are near the 75% stage, and current projections are for the construction to start in 1982," he said.

Trehey continued, "On Silver and Suffield Streets, new 16" and 12" water mains have been completed to greatly increase water flow and fire protection. Also it increased reliability of the water system by replacing deteriorated pipe that was experiencing numerous breaks. Final design is underway for a 12" water main on a portion of Silver Street west of Garden Street."

Trehey went on, "The Threemile Brook Pump Station and Force Main has been completed which improved sewer capacity and relieved overloaded sewers. It eliminated a problem pumping station on Pineview Circle, improving reliability of sewer service for residents.

Design is now underway for sanitary sewers on Silver Street between Shoemaker Lane and Garden Street. This line is necessary before Doane Avenue can be served."

"An Economic Development Industrial Commission has been appointed, and they contribute their services in an effort to advance Agawam's position industrially," Trehey pointed out. "I look forward to some definitive plans in the not-too-distant future."

Trehey resides with his wife and two children at 30 Ridge Avenue.



MRS. MARILYN TALBOT

Mrs. Talbot: Need
People Participation

Mrs. Marilyn Talbot, candidate for Agawam Town Council from Precinct 6, has released the following statement regarding her campaign:

"Since April of this year, I have been giving careful consideration to running for a government position in Agawam and to serving the people.

On September 10, 1981, I announced my decision to run for town council in Precinct 6. Since that time, my feelings and concerns for the people in this town have grown stronger.

Yes, I am new to the political arena and because of that I feel I can approach the old and new subjects with a completely candid and unprejudiced point of view.

I will do my best to serve the people of Agawam because I feel a strong sense of dedication and obligation and because I feel that it is a privilege to participate."

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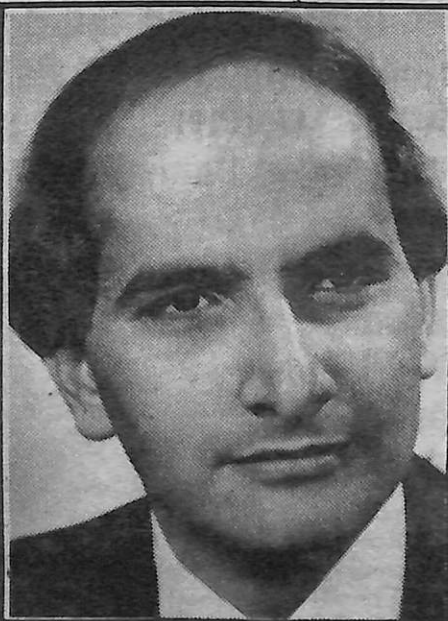
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE



MRS. ROSEMARY SANDLIN

Mrs. Sandlin Pledges Leadership On School Board

School Committee member Rosemary Sandlin today re-issued her pledge to continue to bring the workings of the School Department into closer contact with the residents of the community.

Mrs. Sandlin said, "Throughout this campaign I have attempted to show the voters of Agawam that my record as a School Committee member has been one that brings effective leadership to the board and also brings the school department into direct communication with the residents who are spending their hard earned tax dollars to help give Agawam youngsters quality education.

Mrs. Sandlin said she seeks her second term on the School Committee with the added confidence of being in office over the past two years.

Mrs. Sandlin noted that her record clearly indicates, that she "was not a rubber stamp for the administration. I think it must be made perfectly clear that the School Committee must assume the leadership role in our school system. We have to answer directly to the public so we must work closely with the administration to keep a checks and balance system."

Mrs. Sandlin added, "During this campaign I have attempted to bring forward the issues to the public and show that my record is one that I can be proud of showed a sincere concern for the public's input and best interests."

Mrs. Sandlin said her tough voting record on pay raises for administrators will continue. She said, "These are difficult times. Because our funds are limited, we must spend our dollars wisely. I don't believe in big salaries for the administration. I believe in salaries that are fair and equitable in these difficult economic times."

A mother of four children now attending the Agawam public schools from the Middle School to the Senior High, Mrs. Sandlin said she brings "a parental point of view" to the School Committee."

Mrs. Sandlin also said she will continue to press for "open budget sessions" and for an open and honest posture on all contract negotiations with the administration and unions."

The Granger Drive resident is a member of the town Democratic Committee and is a long time member of the Agawam Athletic Association where she has served on the board of directors and as basketball commissioner.



MRS. ROBERTA DOERING

Mrs. Doering Says Goals Were Met

Mrs. Roberta Doering, candidate for re-election to the Agawam School Committee, has released the following statement regarding her candidacy.

"Despite the restrictions imposed by Proposition 2½, your school committee reached most of the goals and objectives it set for the 1980-81 school year. The high school curriculum was expanded, academic standards were raised, the Guidance Department was expanded, and the roles and responsibilities of the high school department heads were modified. New science courses were added at the Middle and Junior High Schools and a remedial reading program was started.

If re-elected, I will work with the committee and our new superintendent to establish our goals and objectives for the rest of this academic year. Some of the things I would like to emphasize are career education, drug education, vocational education, and education for the gifted and talented.

I consider it a privilege to be a member of the Agawam School Committee, and I hope to be able to continue in this capacity for another term. I ask for your support."

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Dori Chimelewski, Hope Farms Drive
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Lee Lacienski, South West St.

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DONALD J. CHAREST

Charest Promises Strong Leadership

In his final comments before the November 3rd election, Donald J. Charest, candidate for the Agawam School Committee, has issued the following statement:

"Throughout my entire campaign, the remarks that were repeated to me most often were that the voters of Agawam want a change on the School Committee. Everyone is tired of the politics, in-fighting, and lack of leadership that has existed for years.

People are concerned with the fate of education in our town as a result of Prop. 2½ and the loss of School Committee fiscal autonomy. Because of these concerns, the people will vote for those who can offer strong leadership and experience in public school education.



WALTER A. BALBONI

"I offer my thirteen years of experience as a public school business manager to the voters of Agawam. I have the necessary background in school budgeting, administration and personnel management to be an effective leader on our School Committee.

If elected, I pledge to work hard for quality education for our children and I further pledge to return dignity to our School Committee."

Charest, who served on the Agawam School Committee in the mid 70's, holds a B.B.A. from American International College and is completing his studies for an advanced degree in school administration.

He is employed by American Energy Management of Watertown/Agawam. He lives at 95 Reed Street with his wife Barbara and two children, David, 13, and Donna, 11, both of whom attend Agawam schools.

Balboni Brings Experience To S.C.

Walter A. Balboni, chairman and 16-year veteran of the Agawam School Committee, today cited his experience and past accomplishments to the school system as reasons for seeking another term on the board.

Balboni has previously served on the Housing Authority for 10 years, the former Town Personnel Board for 6 years, was a former Town Meeting member for 20 years, and a member of the Auxiliary Police for 18 years. He is manager of the State Dental Laboratory in Springfield and a member of the Agawam UNICO club.

"I am proud of my experiences over the years in Agawam and the accomplishments that 16 years of service have brought to the Agawam schools," Balboni said. Balboni said he proposed the building of the new Junior High School in 1967, served on the Building Committee for the school, proposed the present health and education program, the Summer Enrichment program for gifted students, the program for handicapped students that eventually became the model for the present state mandated Chapter 766 program.

Balboni said the introduction of the AFS foreign exchange student program and the addition of the present soccer program were also projects he helped kickoff.

"In addition I proposed the Enrollment Study Committee and a Competency Testing Program, a program that was adopted by the Commonwealth," Balboni stated.

"All of these programs have enriched our educational system and have provided our students with an academic advantage. However, these accomplishments were not easily gained, and required knowledge and experience to bring them about.

You, the voters have placed your trust and confidence in me for many years. I again ask you for your support so that I may continue my work on the School Committee for the youth of Agawam," he said.

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- * Library Study Committee
- * Board Of Directors - Span Center
- * Arts & Humanities Committee
- * Past President, Agawam Women's Club
- * Past Chairman, Agawam School Committee



RE-ELECT
Jessie D. Fuller
School Committee
**"A Common Sense
Approach To Education"**

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MRS. JESSIE FULLER

Mrs. Fuller Seeks To Strengthen Voke Education

Mrs. Jessie D. Fuller in a back-up announcement has made the following statement on behalf of her candidacy for re-election to the Agawam School Committee

"I feel I should be returned to my position on the Agawam School Committee as I have represented my constituents well by 100% attendance for the six years I have served. I have supported the education community by attending school functions and through attendance on committees helpful to the students in our public schools.

I have been outspoken on issues I feel are detrimental to education. I have conducted myself in an honest, forthright and ethical manner. I have spoken out against issues purely personally or politically motivated.

My approach is to provide the best possible education for the average student, the exceptional child, and the technically-inclined."

Mrs. Fuller is a former chairperson of the Agawam School Committee, a past president of the Agawam Women's Club, and a member of the Agawam Arts and Humanities Commission. She was instrumental in formulating the groundwork for the federally-funded Wide Horizons program.

While serving on the Board of Health, she was the prime mover in reinstituting the dental health program in the schools. She is a former town meeting member and served on the original board of Span Center.

Mrs. Fuller and her husband Stanley have lived in Agawam 29 years. She is an alumnus of Lasell Jr. College and Temple University, a member of the Western Mass. Lasell Club, and holds membership in the Presidents' Club State Federation of Women's Clubs in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Fuller is a former licensed dental hygienist and a veteran of the U.S. Navy

She asks residents to vote on Tuesday, November 3rd, in support of her candidacy as they have done in previous elections.

DeBonville Familiar With Educational Concerns

John DeBonville, candidate for School Committee, has issued the following statement as his campaign draws to a close.

"It has been my privilege during the past few weeks to discuss educational issues with the people of Agawam. I have listened to many of you list your many areas of concern: lack of discipline at our schools; safety of students; drug usage; special education and gifted education; and, of course, leadership in our school system.

I have attempted to speak out on these issues and indicate why I believe I am qualified to provide leadership for our schools. I am 1) the parent of a child in the school system; 2) director of admissions at AIC, in which capacity I have visited over 400 school systems in the past twelve years and know what works and what doesn't work and what is cost-effective and what is not.

Also, I have had extensive business experience in an educational environment and hold an M.B.A. from Western New England College.

Fourthly, I have long been active in the community through Jaycees, SPAN, Agawam A.A. and the Agawam Citizens Organization.

Agawam should be proud of its schools. We have had many fine students who are a credit not only to themselves and their families but to our schools as well. Rick Leclerc, Todd Rovelli, Jodi Ferraro, and Andy Lester immediately come to mind; however, all but one of these students graduated prior to Proposition 2½. Will our students, our children now in grammar school, have the same opportunities as those previously mentioned?

I want to work so that they will have the same opportunities. I want to work for those youngsters now in the grammar schools named Gallagher, Zern, DiFlumera, and Dupre and all of the others in our schools to assure that quality education is present in Agawam.

Is quality education present when the School Committee eliminates spring travel for athletic teams while increasing its own line item "school committee" by 43%? Is quality education present when our grammar school children use textbooks that are 10-15 years old? Is quality education present when property is destroyed and our School Committee allows it to happen? Is quality education present when increasing numbers of students cannot communicate effectively with others?

My background has prepared me well for representing the people of Agawam on the School Committee. I ask each and every member of the town to join me in this effort to restore leadership, representation, and respect to the School Committee by voting for John DeBonville on November 3rd."

about our economy are writing to their Congressmen in support of legislation that would amend the tax code to allow tenants a tax credit or a deduction for that part of their rent which is attributable to mortgage interest and property taxes.

Washington wants to know

MORE FAIRNESS FOR TENANTS?

Over 50 million Americans live in rental housing. Often, such housing provides many advantages over owning. The advantages can include better or less expensive recreational facilities, a convenient location, lower living costs and little or no maintenance responsibility. In addition, in a highly mobile society, a tenant encounters less relocation problems than an

owner might. What's more, today's world of double-digit inflation, coupled with excessive government regulation, has made even modest housing very costly and in many cases way out of reach.

Unfortunately, many tenants feel they are being cheated a little by the Federal government at tax time.

Presently, under the Internal Revenue Code, homeowners receive a tax deduction for property taxes paid on the dwelling and the portion of the mortgage payment attributable to interest. However, the tenants' rent payment, which is used to pay part of the mortgage interest and property taxes is not deductible.

Many renters concerned



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*Married With 2 Children In Agawam Schools

*Lifelong Resident Of Agawam



SCHOOL COMMITTEE

THE BACKGROUND

*B.B.A. And A.S. Degree In Business Management

*Experienced In All Phases Of Public School Education

*Local And National Associations For Better Schools

THE PROGRAM

*Better Education For All Agawam Children

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Past Chairperson Agawam School Committee

High School Building Committee

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Area Chairperson Massachusetts Association Of School Committees

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Mrs. Cirillo Concerned With Education Essentials

Mrs. Dorcas A. Cirillo, candidate for School Committee, made the following statement regarding her candidacy:

"I have lived in Agawam for fifty years and want to serve the citizens of our town. I want a voice on your School Committee so I can express my sincere concern for the essentials of education to be embodied in our present school teaching.

I define 'essentials' to mean that the overarching goal of education is to develop informed, thinking citizens who can participate and function in today's society and world. Students need to learn how to apply their knowledge and skill, how to reason about their society and to make informed judgments.

I began my campaign in February, and throughout my campaign, my attitude is one of dedication, sincerity, and concern of bringing forth my ideas on how to bring about higher quality of education to our schools. Taking on leadership responsibility is very important to me and I will dedicate myself to achieve this responsibility.

The discipline of learning is the responsibility of the student; the discipline of teaching is the responsibility of the teacher. I am not saying that parents, school committee members, businesses, publishers, and others are exempt. All must share the responsibility of bringing the essentials of education to our children.

I want education to be like it was for me back in the 30's when we had leadership, teachers were respected, standards were high, and discipline prevailed.

Why aren't our standards high? We have dropped our standards and our quality of education has dropped. Easy to teach, easy to test bits of knowledge have brought us back to the basic R's which is not enough in today's technological, complex world that our children must work in. The demand for what we know is right for our children is gone out. We need to bring quality education to our schools. Let us get back to what is meat.

I want to see discipline brought back to our schools. We need leadership in our school committee, and it is time the members realize that they should be the balance to bring respect, higher standards, and discipline into our schools. I will work toward this goal.

I am a concerned, dedicated candidate anxious to serve you. I will give straight answers to the people of Agawam and expect the same from you, the voters."

Mrs. Cirillo resides at 1118 Main Street, is married, and has three children who have all graduated from the Agawam school system.

She is a graduate of Westfield State College with a B.A. in music theory and composition and a minor in English. She was recently honored for her dedicated service to the music of the Catholic church for 33 years. She is a private music educator and is, herself, a graduate of Agawam High School.



J.W. WIMPY'S OWNER AND OPERATOR ERNIE LOMBARDI welcomes Agawam residents to his Halloween party on Saturday night. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Wimpy's Prepares For Annual Halloween Party For Patrons

By Stuart Parker

The dust having just settled from J.W. Wimpy's third anniversary party, owners Ernie and Al Lombardi now prepare for their third Halloween party. Costumes worn this Saturday night should prove to be competitive, as the best dressed man and woman will have a chance to win \$1,000,000.

"Last year, one of my friends came in dressed as Ronald Reagan," Ernie recalls. "I never knew who it was. He came in, sat down, and drank beer. Bobby never drinks beer. Finally, his mask got so hot he had to take it off and we were shocked."

Al, referring to the waitresses who make their outfits, says, "We don't know what we'll be wearing this year; the girls are going to surprise us."

For anyone who really wants to get dressed up in a different way, Wimpy's would be the natural place to go. Ernie spent three months converting Wimpy's from sportsmen's lounge into a restaurant/pub and said the details of decorating are still not completed.

"I'm never finished with the decorations because there's always a find I didn't expect."

"First, I bought the wood - with no general plan - I designed as I went. Then I found the pews we use as seats in the booths from a Methodist Church in Winchester Square in Springfield; the lamps hanging over the booths came from an old Holyoke Paper Mill, and the tin ceiling came from a building being torn down on Dwight Street."

"The restoration can be dirty work, but I love it. When I look around I feel as though there's a sense of history here."

The Lombardis credit the atmosphere and the food as the cause for their high return customers. They receive fresh vegetables and pre-cooked meats daily, and have just purchased a new oven to barbeque ribs and chicken.

"Every year we like to change the menu a little," Ernie said.

The Lombardis may soon be extending their fine food to the Green Gables on River Road which they plan to convert into a fish and steak house.

Pull Lever 21A SARACINO

Ray Saracino, candidate for School Committee, has been a community leader for 25 years. His business experience and general knowledge of Agawam will be an addition to our School Committee. Vote Ray Saracino for School Committee.

William O'Brien
18 Western Drive

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Isn't It Time For A Change On Our School Committee? Isn't It Time We Had Someone Who Listens, Who Is Qualified, Who Has Had Business Experience, And has Been Active In The Community?

John DeBonville is prepared to serve you on the School Committee. During this campaign he has spoken out on discipline, safety, drug usage, out-dated textbooks, curriculum changes leadership. When you vote, ask yourself which candidates will work to give your children the quality education they need and deserve.

JOHN DeBONVILLE IS:

1. A Parent Of A Child In The Agawam School System
2. Director Of Admissions At American International College (Formerly He Was Associate Director At Western New England.)
3. A Coach In The Agawam AA
4. Active In The Community Through Jaycees, Span, Agawam Citizens' Organization, And Parents Promoting Educational Potential.

A Vote For John DeBonville Is A Vote For Quality Education For Your Child. Elect John, Pull Lever 7A On Nov. 3.

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- * Selection Of A Local Superintendent Who Knows And Cares About The Needs Of Agawam
- * Return Of Fundamental English At The High School
- * Voted Against Excessive Executive Sessions
- * Promotion Of Parent Involvement In The School System

**Rosemary Sandlin Is There!
SHE CARES!**

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EDITORIAL

Guest Editorials...

Mayor Committee Chair Thanks Community, Hits Gallano For "Politics"

By Peter Longo

Mayor Action Committee

As chairman of the Mayor Action Committee, I wish to personally thank the steering committee of the committee, which includes former charter commissioners Raymond Charest, Irving LaFleur, Frank Capitanio, Phillip DeForge, Frederick Drew and Joseph Della Guistina Sr., former selectman Roy Benjamin, and former town councilors Gino Rossi and Dr. Paul Query, along with other members of the general committee whose time was very much appreciated.

Our committee has set out to inform the voters of Agawam on the real reasons why a change in our government is necessary. We did so with facts and figures available to us. Our campaign was based on the issues at hand and we attempted to be positive, not negative.

We were extremely disappointed to see those opposing our viewpoints resorting to childish cartoons and character assassinations as their major thrust to save their form of government...the voters here will not be fooled by these tactics.

Councilor Andrew C. Gallano, the man behind the KEEP committee have been attempting to sell us this form of government for 10 years. It is no small

wonder that the intelligent civic-minded person in this community refuses to come out and contribute to town government...Mr. Gallano and his few followers subject people to these character assassinations with malicious intent and for political gain.

Is it any wonder why Agawam has received such frequent headlines and sensational news coverage? Mr. Gallano - the time for your government is slowly running out.

Mr. Gallano and KEEP tells Agawam residents to beware of the "powerbrokers" who are pushing the mayor...it seems owning real estate or being self-employed merits one to be a powerbroker...or anyone who opposes outside town managers with their insensitive decisions that hurt Agawam have been duped as dissenters.

The future of Agawam rests with the ability of its residents and town government to work hand-in-hand to provide a stable political climate instead of promoting the negative type of character assassinations always evident by Gallano's tactics. We need a positive approach with a local man running Town Hall being elected by all residents.

If we fail to change directions now we are forced to stay with this same group of politicians for another five years - that's when the mayor form of government can again come before Agawam residents for a vote? A better Agawam can begin with a mayor and a 9-member council at-large. It can't provide all the answers but at least every resident in this community can vote for all of our elected officials, not just a minority of them.

Residents of Agawam - Do you feel proud of your town government? Do you feel alienated from it? Has Agawam town government stabilized your tax base or maintained essential services without political chaos and misleading statements? Has Agawam town government done anything for you in the last few years?

If you are tired of what's going on in our political community and wish to change it for the future, please consider voting MAYOR on Tuesday.

**Write Us A Letter Or
A Guest Editorial
We Want Our Readers
To TALK BACK!!!**

An Open Letter To Town Councilor Paul Paleologopoulos On The Matter of Civil Service

Barbara Goehrlert
17 Dartmouth Street
Precinct Five

I am a local resident who would like to congratulate the Agawam Police Department who have done a magnificent job for the people of Agawam in the area of public safety not withstanding the fact that their numbers are inadequate for a "city" the size of Agawam.

Mr. Paleologopoulos, let me ask you these questions: 1) Does Civil Service negotiate contracts? 2) Does Civil Service negotiate pay raises for employees? 3) Does Civil Service dictate working conditions for employees? 4) Does Civil Service in any way dictate the way employees are paid for fringe benefits such as holidays and sick leaves? 5) Does Civil Service determine anything dealing with contracts for employees?

Mr. Paleologopoulos, obviously you are unaware that the answers to all the above questions are: No, No, No, No and No. Obviously, Sir, in the area of labor relations and the function of labor unions you are not at all knowledgeable and are completely inept.

Otherwise, you would not make the statements that the city employees here have and union protecting them and don't need Civil Service.

Before making that statement, Sir, you should have found out that the unions and Civil Service cover two separate areas. Sir, let me outline for you what Civil Service does. It guarantees that a community will live up to the contents of a labor-management contract, whether that management be mayor or manager.

This means, Sir, that professionals who have done this kind of work for years and are in their position because of their education, experience and background in the field. Second, Civil Service produces in our Police Department competitive exams for candidates who wish to serve on that department. These tests are the one best way to select the best possible candidates to serve on our department and the police departments of the Commonwealth.

In the absence of these competitive exams, exams of this nature would be drawn-up by non-professionals and politicians. Sir, Civil Service also sets up exams for promotions within the police department on the same competitive basis so that again, the best qualified candidate may be able to take the exam. The best equipped will be selected for promotions, not some political crony or some brother-in-law of some politician.

In closing Sir, let me point out to you that I am astounded by your strong stand in favor of the professional manager to manage the affairs of Agawam.

I cannot understand how a man such as yourself can scream long and loud that Agawam needs a professional to guide us, the residents and taxpayers of Agawam who obviously, in your opinion, are misguided and cannot manage our own affairs without so-called "professionals."

How can you be in favor of "professional" government when you wish to remove professionalism from the hiring of town employees and promote politics?

I think, Sir, there is an old Indian expression which best describes your attitude in this matter: "I believe, Sir, you speak with forked tongue."

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Stephen R.
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Councilor-At-Large**

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Dear Friends,

Fred Nardi has the concern and the experience that it takes to get the job done.

That is why I'm voting for Fred to re-elect him as my Councilor in Precinct I.

Regards,
Francis Colli
Maple St. No. Agawam

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We Are Supporting RAY
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Would Be Very Pleased If You
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Elected To Parks And Recreation Commission Served 6 Years

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Nominated Outstanding Young Man Of The Year By The Agawam Jaycees

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Letters to the Editor

No Vote On Civil Service Urged

To The Editor:

At a time when the state is revising Civil Service to give local communities control over discharge and discipline of employees, the City of Agawam is asking the voters to remove their employees from the system.

The question must be asked why do the city fathers want control of hiring and promotions when they will be given the complete right to fire and discipline employees for any good reason? Could they be planning on filling our town positions with yes men and friends and relatives?

The city asks, why do we need Civil Service protection when we have union contracts? The answer is that Civil Service offers a fair and equitable form of testing for entrance and promotions, where the most qualified individual gets the job, not the local politicians' friends and relatives. Civil Service does not, however, set benefits, salaries, or working conditions which union contracts do.

The state is giving the city the right to fire and discipline its own employees. Now let us, the voters, keep favoritism out of the City of Agawam.

Joseph Cimaroli

Mayor-Manager Commotion Misses Most Important Point

To The Editor:

The voters of Agawam will go to the polls Tuesday, November 3rd, faced with four selections. To me, the most puzzling of these issues is that of the Mayor vs. Manager. This is easily the most controversial and hotly-debated issue of this election, but should it be?

Groups representing the manager and mayor have repeatedly pleaded their cases to the voters concerning the pros and cons of each system, often straying far away from the issue at hand. I want to talk about a right that all Americans have had and fought for since this country began. It is a right that makes this country free and unique - a voice in our own government or simply the right to vote.

Now comes the puzzling part. It seems that some people in Agawam do not want this right to vote. For the life of me, I cannot figure out why anyone would want a lesser say in their own government. Could it be they do not respect their own ability to elect a qualified person? I, for one, cherish my right to vote and exercise it at all elections.

Right about now you're probably saying "an obvious mayor supporter." I could care less what name is attached to the person who runs our town. Call him or her a mayor, a manager, or whatever, as long as I have a vote and a voice in who is chosen. I do not think this is an unreasonable request.

Do we not vote for just about everything else? We can vote for the leaders of the country and our state. We can even vote for who plays in the All-Star Game. When it comes to voting for who will lead this town, do we suddenly become incapable?

Do you believe, as others do, that this decision should be made for us? Well, buy that if you wish, but I will put my confidence in the voters of Agawam. No matter who leads this town - whether it be a mayor, a manager, or whatever title is used - just allow me the right to vote for this person.

Brian D. Rheault

More Support For Mayor Form

To The Editor:

Recent ads and news releases are trying to sway the voters to more of the same turmoil of the past ten years. Why? If this form of government is so great, why haven't more towns and cities adopted it?

The ads say that nationwide 61 towns and cities have this form of government. I say 61 towns and cities nationwide is a pretty poor percentage.

I recently went to the Agawam Town Hall and copied the names of each city or town in Massachusetts. There are in the Mass. Municipal Directory, where I got my information, 336 towns and cities in Mass. alone. Out of these 336 towns and cities, only TWO are similar to Agawam's government.

Methuen has a town manager and ten councilors, and Southbridge has a town manager and thirteen councilors and had to get a special act of the Legislature to be allowed to remain a town.

There are ten other cities and towns that have a town manager BUT (and herein lies the difference) they have selectmen. For those who are not aware of the difference, when you remove your selectmen and town meeting members, you then have a city form of government with different laws and benefits.

Ten years ago Andy Gallano as head of the Charter Commission promised the voters of Agawam that if we adopted this form of government, we would still be the Town of Agawam. What he did not tell us, though he knew it to be factual, was that we would be the Town of Agawam in NAME ONLY.

Andy Gallano, now a councilor, is once again trying to push the town manager form of government. We pay the salary for the top man; let us be the one to say who that top man is going to be.

The last time this question was on the ballot, it was placed there and written in such a way as to confuse the voters so they did not know which way to vote. By a slim margin, the town manager government won.

Don't allow Mr. Gallano to mislead us again. This time it is Yes for a Mayor.

Anita M. Davilli

Former Councilor Pct. 1

Former Legion Commander Hits Lawn Issue

To The Editor

Last week I was alarmed by the news that our town government had spent money last summer to re-seed and place a new sprinkler system on the front lawn of Town Hall. I understand the job was conducted under the administration of former Town Manager Richard J. Bowen.

As a taxpayer and resident of this community, I was angered by the waste of money in putting in this new lawn and sprinkler system. The figures given by Town Hall were in my opinion, misleading in the sense that they did not include manpower hours and town equipment used over a six-week period.

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Stephen R.
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Councilor-At-Large

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Outspoken Councilor With A Deep Interest In
How Your Tax Dollar Is Spent. As Your Rte. 57
Chairman, He Fought For The Continued
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Lawn - From Page 18...

I find it hard to believe, given the circumstances of Proposition 2 1/2 and the tight economy, how anyone can justify this expenditure, whether the cost be \$1500, \$5000, or \$10,000. The fact remains: **it was a waste of our money.**

In doing some research, I find that the matter of placing the lawn as a memorial to Vietnam and Korean War veterans was also somewhat misleading. The minutes of the Town Council meeting where all this supposedly began shows that councilor Richard Theroux made only a motion to appropriate \$500 for a memorial plaque not a front lawn at Town Hall as stated by Town Hall last week. Where did Mr. Bowen get the authorization to spend money to re-seed and put in a new sprinkler system? It makes one wonder about the efficiency of Town Hall.

Also, if good scheduling as claimed by Town Hall was the reason that our Department of Public Works personnel could spend their time on this project, in the busiest time of the year for the DPW, then I also wonder if there is not more waste occurring here too. Where else is there waste at Town Hall?

I am under the impression, after talking to people about his issue, that justifying this and other expenditures by the town managers cannot be defended.

I hope taxpayers in this community are not fooled by what's going on in our town government. A memorial plaque honoring our veterans is something we can all be proud of. Putting in a new lawn and sprinkler system is nonsense.

Edward L. Hottin
Past Commander
Agawam American Legion Post

AHA Thanks Local Businesses**To The Editor:**

Even though it has become increasingly popular to criticize business for its attitudes and policies concerning its customers and its role in the community, this writer must express a deep sense of gratitude and pride to the way in which several Agawam and other area businesses as well as local newspapers reacted recently when asked to be counted upon for the Agawam Hockey Association fundraising drive.

Granted we were told "no" by a number of businesses and this is understandable and accepted, but the support received by those who did say "yes" to our requests was very heartening. It showed that once again it is very possible for a business to provide much more than just goods and services to the community. It displays that some businesses wish to become more of a part of the community than just entrepreneurs, making them a "good neighbor" as well as a "friend."

So it is with a deep sense of gratitude that the Agawam Hockey Association wishes to thank the following: *The Agawam Advertiser/News, The Springfield Union, Daily News, Sunday Republican, Wallace Pennysaver, Baldwin Motors and Car Wash, Ryan Drug, Zayre's Agawam, PIP Printing, Food Mart, McDonald's and their management and employees, and last but not least all the residents of Agawam and the countless other people who dug a little deeper in these trying economic times to allow the youth of Agawam an opportunity to be involved in a hockey program again this year.*

Ron Hebert
Agawam Hockey Association

**From The Third**

By State Rep.
Edward W. Connelly
Third Hampden District

For years the controversy of tax reform has hovered over Beacon Hill. Michael Dukakis was elected Governor on the "lead pipe guarantee" of no new taxes. But during his term, we saw the largest tax increase in the history of the Commonwealth. Ed King promised to roll back property taxes by \$500 million in his first year. However, property taxes have increased by more than \$400 million since Ed King became Governor.

The strong vote for Proposition 2 1/2 was the clearest signal in years that the taxpaying public would no longer put with high taxes. But, the public has also made it clear that they do not want vital services eliminated or decreased. They want to pay less and get more for their money. Thus, the dilemma.

Clearly, we are at a turning point. Something must be done - and soon. But what?

There is no easy or painless solution. In order to achieve meaningful tax reform, it will mean restructuring the system in place. That can only mean that some taxes will be reduced and others may be increased. For instance, Massachusetts property taxes have been disproportionately higher than most states while our sales tax is disproportionately low.

If we consider that business transaction such as real estate, advertising, software for computers (these have been tentatively offered as possibilities) are we not endangering the process of maintaining business growth and further business expansion in Massachusetts?

During the first year of Proposition 2 1/2, most city and town administrations tried to counteract the impact by seeking user fees for specific services like library, garbage collection, road maintenance, water and sewer etc.

Undoubtedly, any reform to our tax structure in Massachusetts will be resolved with higher income tax or the sales tax.

It is indeed a dilemma which must be met with thorough study and vast public input.

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Have Town Managers Brought Stability To Town Government?

James D. Westman - 5 Years
Peter Caputo - 18 Months
Richard J. Bowen - 9 Months
Edward A Caba - ? ? ?

HOW LONG CAN ED CABA SURVIVE THE ERRATIC AND TURBULENT TOWN COUNCIL BEFORE THEY BRING ANOTHER OUTSIDER TO TOWN HALL?

A MAYOR SERVES AT YOUR WILL, NOT THE WILL OF A 15-MEMBER BODY OF POLITICIANS, 10 OF WHICH YOU CAN'T EVEN VOTE FOR.

Time For A Change...

Time For A Mayor...

Vote Mayor November 3

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We Believe Agawam Needs John DeBonville On The School Committee

Help Us Elect John; Pull Lever 7A On November 3rd.

Fred Serra, Valentine Terrace, Agawam - Joe Della Guistina Sr., Albert St., Agawam - Rudy And Peg Altobelli, Mill St., Agawam - Ted Twarog, Cherry St., Agawam - Pat Affleck, S. Park Terrace, Agawam - Gerry Mason, Springfield St., Agawam - Richard Theroux, Ley St., Agawam

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Elect Atty. Peter D. Mazza Agawam Councilor-At-Large

- * Private Law Practice
- * Town Report Committee
- * Higher Education Administration
- * Former Town Meeting Member
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- * Council On Aging, Ex Officio
- * Teacher And Guidance Counselor

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Town Managers Waste Money

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Last Spring In A Time Of Propostion 2½, In A Time When Your WATER & SEWER RATES Were Being Dramatically Increased, The Town Manager Reseeded And Replanted The Lawn At Town Hall At A Cost Of Some \$10,000. TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OF YOUR MONEY!

IS THIS EFFECTIVE TOWN GOVERNMENT ?

IS THIS PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT?

TIME FOR A CHANGE...
TIME FOR A MAYOR...
VOTE MAYOR NOVEMBER 3

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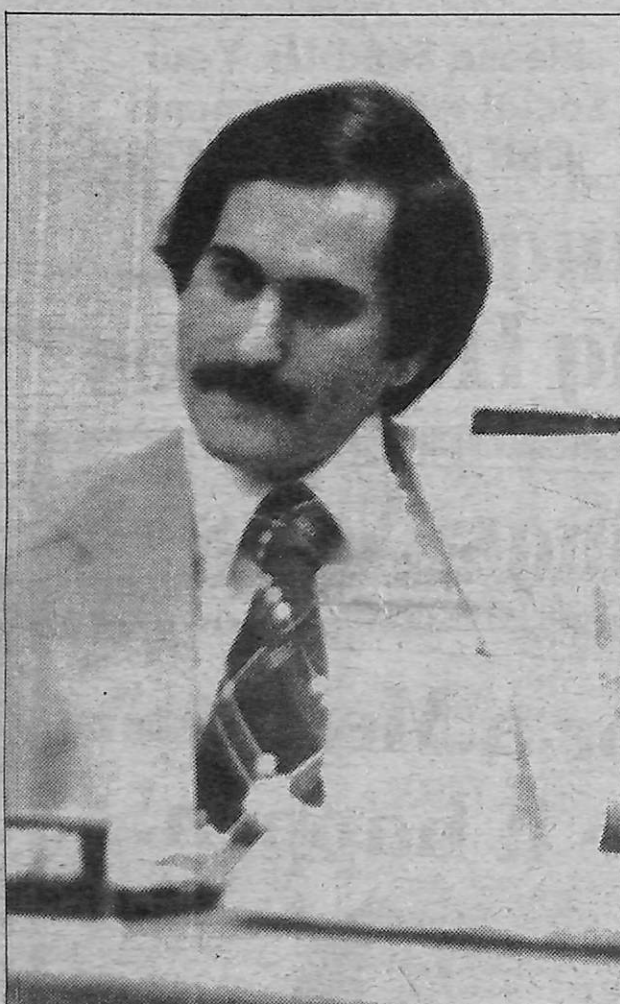
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Recognized The Need For Local Leadership In The Office Of Manager One Year Ago When He Then Advanced The Candidacy Of Ed Caba For Town Manager.



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Mrs. Debra Gombar
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Mr. and Mrs. William Kozak
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Elizabeth Patricia Breen Weds Richard Michael Sardella

Elizabeth Patricia Breen became the bride of Richard Michael Sardella in a double ring ceremony performed Friday in Blessed Sacrament Church in Holyoke by the Rev. Brian Boland.

The bride is the daughter of Margaret E. Breen of Vermont Street, Holyoke and the late Charles F. Breen. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Sardella of Hastings Street, Feeding Hills.

The bride wore a candlelight-colored gown with a high neckline, fitted bodice of schiffli lace, peplum waistline and scalloped hemline. Her headpiece was a matching mantilla veil of schiffli lace. She carried her mother's prayer book with stephanotis, white sweetheart roses, Sonia baby's breath and ivy, with ivory streamers.

Erin Breen of Belchertown was the honor attendant. She wore a gown with an ivory chiffon bodice and embroidered lace yoke and a mocha-colored qiana skirt with matching satin ribbon at the waist. In her hair she wore a white mini carnation with Sonia baby's breath. She carried a candle with a wreath of white mini carnations, Sonia baby's breath and Sonia streamer.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Richard Dorazio of West Springfield, and sisters of the groom Doreen Sardella, and Susan Sardella of Feeding Hills and Mrs. Robert

Dacey of Burlington Vt. Their gowns were similar to that of the honor attendant's.

Peter Sardella of Feeding Hills was his brother's best man. Ushers were Michael Sardella of Feeding Hills; James Laurino of Agawam; Michael Walsh of Agawam; and Lt. Harold C. Stuart of Rapid City, South Dakota, formerly of Agawam.

The reception was held at the Sheraton Inn, West Springfield where Eileen Breen and Margaret O'Neil were in charge of the guest book.

The bride, a graduate of Holyoke High School, received her bachelor of science degree in psychology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a master's degree in clinical psychology from American International College. She is a counselor at the Alcoholism Intervention and Detoxification Center, Inc. in Holyoke.

The groom, a graduate of Agawam High School, holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Westfield State College. He completed his bachelor of arts in history at the Roehampton Institute, Wimbledon, England. He is the publisher of the Agawam Advertiser/News and the Southwick Southfield Advertiser/News.

The couple will reside in Feeding Hills.

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Chicken Pie Supper

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will serve its annual Chicken Pie Supper at the church on North Westfield Street on Saturday, November 7th. Continuous servings will take place from 5 to 7 p.m.

Mrs. Richard Taylor and Mrs. Perry McCobb, co-chairmen, have announced the following menu: Chicken pie, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, boiled onions, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls, beverage, apple and squash pies.

Tickets for adults are \$4.50 and for children 6-12, \$1.25. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Sydney Granger at 786-2454 or Mrs. Orville Burt at 786-2369. Linda Burt will hostess.

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Juniors Plan Sweater Party

The Agawam Junior Women's Club announces its annual Sweater Party to be held on Wednesday, November 4th from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Capt. Leonard House, Main Street.

Lovely sweaters supplied by Marty Baillargeon of the Poorman's Shop in Southwick will be available, all for under \$10. Master Card and Visa are welcome.

The monthly meeting of the Juniors was held at the Capt. Leonard House and welcomed three new members: Laurel LeDuc, Nancy Petell, and Polly McDilligott.

President Barbara Connery presided where Halloween baskets were given to the Children's Study Center and the Juniors' Clearinghouse projects were discussed. Sister Joyce Wise addressed the group on family and youth values. Hospitality was supplied by chairman Faith Hyland.

Newcomers Club To Meet

The Newcomers Club of Agawam/West Springfield will meet on Tuesday, November 3rd, at the Captain Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

Dr. Tony Maniscalco, associate professor at Springfield College, will speak to the group on Piagetian puzzles and the determination and development of reasoning abilities.

Admission is now set at \$1 and the public is welcome. For more information, call 786-5921.

Masucci Chosen UNICAN Of Year

Joseph T. Masucci of 45 Emerson Road, Agawam, will be honored as the Man of the Year by the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National at their 20th annual dinner dance Saturday, November 7th, at Chez Josef. The event will be open to the general public.

This award is given annually to a Unican for distinguished service to the chapter over the years. Masucci is a graduate of Classical High in Springfield and attended AIC, Northeastern University (Springfield division), and the Institute of Industrial Relations. He is a retired area director of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Masucci has held several positions in various labor unions, civic groups and charitable organizations. He was the first president of the Agawam chapter of UNICO and assisted in the expansion programs of many area chapters.

He has been a resident of Agawam for 50 years and is a communicant of St. John's Church. He and his wife Wanda recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary together with daughters, Marjorie Dedeurwaerder and Joan Allard, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Tickets for the prime rib dinner and dancing to the music of the JC-4 Band are \$36 per couple and may be obtained by calling Tom Coppola at 786-2701 after 5 p.m. Proceeds from this event will benefit mental health, retarded children, scholarships and community charities.



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Garden Club Plans Dinner

The Agawam Garden Club will hold its annual banquet on Tuesday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the Capt. Leonard House. The public is invited to attend.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Helen C. Bates who will discuss her trip to Australia and New Zealand. Mrs. Bates is well known throughout the area for her "Feeder Scraps" column in the Sunday newspaper.

Reservation deadline is November 3rd with Judy Clini at 786-3736.



The word honeymoon is believed to have come from the old German custom of drinking mead (a wine made with honey) for thirty days after a wedding.

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Adoration Society Slates Vigil & Mass

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will hold its all-night vigil of the Most Blessed Sacrament at St. Theresa Church, Agawam, on Friday, November 6th at 9 p.m. through Saturday, November 7th at 6 a.m.

Rev. Robert Choquette, pastor, will open with benediction assisted by Louis Gallerani, society president, and Alfred Racicot, chairman of St. Theresa's membership.

The society has scheduled a memorial mass for deceased members and their families at St. Louis de France Church, 817 Main Street, West Springfield on Wednesday, November 11th, at 7:30 p.m.

Principal celebrant at this concelebrated mass will be Bishop Leo O'Neil along with Father Robert Choquette, Father Karl Huller, Father Joseph Flood, Father Joseph Fellin, all of Agawam, and several other priests.

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F.H. Women's Club Scheduled Meeting

The November meeting of the Feeding Hills Women's club will be held on November 4th at the Grange Hall on North West Street at 8 o'clock.

The program following the meeting will be about antiques with Judy Howe of the Beau Brummel Shop as guest speaker. Members are asked to bring small antiques that might be discussed.



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During the business meeting, the first and second degrees will be conferred with Master Pauline Provost doing the first degree and Clarence Holloway as master doing the second degree. A rehearsal for the degree work will be held at the Grange Home on Monday, November 2nd, at 7 p.m.

A social hour will follow the meeting under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen and Richard Allen, assisted by Clarence Holloway.

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Friends and Neighbors

By Rita White

One doesn't need to travel far these days to find good entertainment. The South Building at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Agawam was the scene of an evening of full fun and laughs. On Wednesday, October 21, the staff and residents put on a production of Hee-Haw. The show was written by JUDES ZIEMBA & JUDY MAGUIRE. Judes produced and directed.

Approximately 20 to 25 people were involved in the production, but the nice touch was the audience participation. It was hard to tell what was enjoyed the most; there was "singing town gossips", Daisy Mae and Lil Abner; and some country yodlers just to mention a some of the acts.

DANNY DIDONATO, PAULINE JOLIN, JOHN LOSITO & GARY CONLIN stopped by to provide some of the music. One of the highlights was a musical number done by the residents on the Swiss Bells. It was a lovely evening, another example of the great job being done at Heritage Hall to provide a healthy and happy atmosphere for the residents.

For those of you who enjoy participating in this type of thing, the next production the South Building will be putting on is a minstrel show in the spring. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer to help out, please get in touch with Judes Ziemba. Your help would be most appreciated and you'll benefit yourself from the good feeling that comes from doing that type of work.

Please don't forget that Heritage Hall will be holding their CHRISTMAS BAZAAR on November 28th. It's a Saturday and will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., so there's time for you all to stop by. The Bazaar is a 3-building affair and will feature hand-crafted items, baked goods, a tag sale and of course, raffles, which includes that beautiful doll house we've told you about. It's a wonderful cause and we hope to see you all there.

It's always exciting for those becoming grandparents but HELEN & FRANK BIZA of 40 Monroe Street got to enjoy that kind of excitement twice in one week. Both of their daughters gave birth only 3 days part.

CAROL BIZA DIVIRGILIO and husband JOSEPH of 15 Carmel Lane welcomed their first child into the world on October 10th. Son, JOSEPH RICHARD, weighed in at 7 pounds. Baby Joseph is also the grandson of MRS. VICKY DIVIRGILIO and the late NICK DIVIRGILIO of Poplar Street.

Three days later on October 13th, NANCY BIZA AVONDO and husband DAVID welcomed their second child into the world. Daughter, KRISTEN ANN weighed in at 6 pounds, 13½ ounces. Kristin will have big brother, DAVID, age 4½, to help her get used to this new life.

MRS. EDITH LAFRANCIS is still hearing great things about her history book. She recently heard from MARY-JANE EARLE HENSELY, formerly of Agawam and now living in Maryland. Mary-Jane wrote to let her know that a copy of the book had been donated to the library of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D.C. A nice tribute to Mrs. LaFrancis. And a reminder to you all, if any of you have not seen a copy yet, please visit the Agawam Public Library where copies are on sale.

Very special birthday greetings going out to BERTHA FADDEN on her 102nd birthday. Bertha was born on October 25, 1879. She began working at age 13 and continued until she was 71. A remarkable lady, for sure. She remained living on her own until the age of 92 when it became necessary for her to become a resident at Heritage Hall. Bertha is currently in the hospital recuperating from surgery, but we wish her a speedy recovery and more birthdays to come.

Please don't forget the Bazaar at the Agawam Senior Center on Saturday, November 7th. It will be a good time to pick up a few of those Christmas presents early.

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Sat., Nov. 7th
 UNICO
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 Chez Josef
 6:30-Cocktails
 7:30-Dinner

Sat., Nov. 7th
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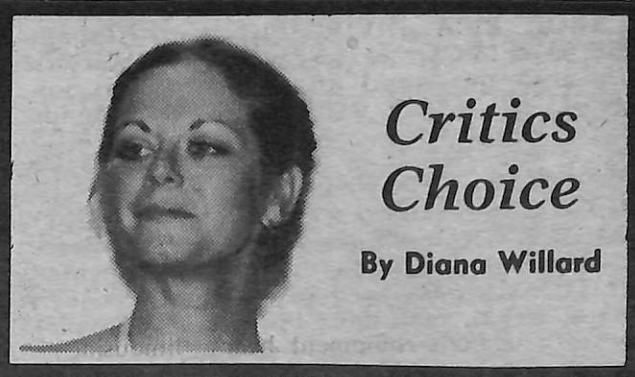
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Critics Choice

By Diana Willard

Once again the rustic Brass Rail in Southwick is the setting for an enjoyable evening of dinner-theater. The current offering is a DAVOL Production of Joseph Kesselring's *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

Unfamiliar with the play, I was gratified to make the acquaintance of the Brewster family, mad though they may be. Aunt Abby and Aunt Martha, clan matriarchs, appear to be prototypes of gentility. These silver-haired ladies clad in Victorian-style dresses fill their days with good deeds. Admired by all

for their charity, they have almost effortlessly gotten away with twelve murders.

Abby and Martha are played with such style and grace by Helene Bernstein and Louise James that the audience is willing to forgive them for anything. And after all, their motive in doing away with all those

"gentlemen" is to help them to eternal peace.

These two actresses have achieved a rapport on stage that is a delight to watch. They play to and off each other so well that they make us believe we are indeed privy to their private moments.

Teddy, the nephew who believes he is Roosevelt, is portrayed by George Dawson with just the right touch of childlike innocence. An accomplice he may be, but to his mind, he is just burying yellow fever victims. Dawson's flair for comedy assures us of a laugh each time Teddy is on stage.

When Roger Patnode made his entrance as Jonathan, the ominous silence and dark shadows set the tone for a thoroughly Machaevelian performance. Jonathon is not a likable villain and Patnode does not try to make him so. His sparse use of sinister mannerisms is most effective.

Brian Norris' Mortimer was somewhat disappointing. Although his near hysteria often appears genuine and is at time appropriate, its constancy makes it grating. Emotional contrast would make Mortimer more than a one-dimensional character.

The part of the garrulous Officer O'Hara was well done by Tom Shea. He ambles in and out of the Brewster house hold totally oblivious to any of its more menacing goings on.

Mary James as the lovely Elaine, Bill Kennedy as Dr. Einstein and Mark Talbot in a trio of roles round out a fine supporting cast.

Director Dick Volker has good material to work with and makes the most of it. The action moves at a quick pace and his actors utilize their playing space, which is somewhat limited, to its best advantage.

Arsenic and Old Lace is a good play, well done. It will run through November. Reservations may be made by calling the Brass Rail in Southwick.

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While at the academy, he and thirty other admissions officers were briefed on cadet life and the latest admissions requirements.

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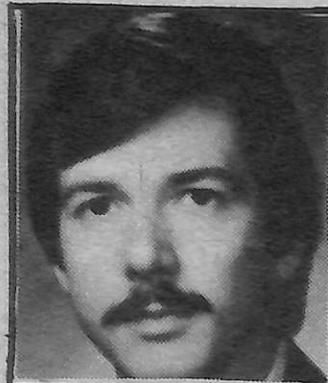
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By Peter Forastiere
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Funeral expenses are generally determined by four factors: professional and staff services; use of funeral home facilities and equipment; merchandise, such as a casket, burial vault, and clothing; and cash disbursements, such as motor equipment, cemetery and clergy fees.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES include: removal of the body from place of death, the care and preparation of the body, consultation with the family to arrange the funeral fashioned to the family's wishes, arrangements with cemetery and clergy, preparation and filing of legal documents, newspaper notices and various other duties, counseling and assistance prior to, during and following the funeral.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT costs include: the use of the funeral home facilities, preparation room, visiting room or chapel and all the equipment and parking areas, acknowledgement cards, register book, memorial cards, religious and miscellaneous articles.

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Casket costs range in price from less than \$100 to

over \$3000 depending on the materials and workmanship.

Complete funeral arrangements or final disposition can cost from less than \$500 to approximately \$4000. A wide range that allows a choice of services by the family from the very simple to the elaborate to fit the needs and financial budget of all families.

It is important to note that every family is different and every family's needs are different. Therefore, there are no two funerals that are alike. Each arrangement should be customized to an individual's own personal needs, desires and financial concerns.

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For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

With the coming of the holidays I have to think of all those people who spend the holidays alone either because they have no family at all, or because any family they have lives too far away. One of the nicest

things we could do this holiday season is to go through our lists of friends and see who is alone.

We often don't even give it a thought. We just assume that because we have friends and family to be with that everyone does too. Why not invite someone who will be alone to join you and your family this year?

You would be giving a lot of joy to someone. I mention this early because you may want to do some special planning for this.

For those seniors who do not have a "vial of life" in their homes already, the Center has some for you. You just have to go down and pick one up. These vials are for you to put pertinent information in such as your doctor, next of kin, if you suffer from diabetes etc. Also, information about medicines you take would also be helpful.

This vial is placed in the refrigerator and in case of fire or emergency, it is available to those who need it.

Beginning November 1, you can get in touch with the Senior Center about fuel assistance. Please call

them first so that they can tell you what documents to bring with you when you go to fill out the forms. This fuel assistance is for those seniors who own a home, for renters who pay fuel bills and for those renters who only pay rent, but fuel is part of the rental cost. So get in touch and see if you qualify.

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If your last name begins with the initials A - G, your clinic will be on November 3. We will try to keep you posted each week as to who should be going. The only people who should go each time are those that have been instructed to do so by the nurse.

Don't forget the bazaar on November 7th. A real highlight will be a raffle of one of Angela Bachelder's oil paintings. It is a beauty and one that any person would consider a treasure.

Don't forget next week's lunches: Monday, ham casserole; Tuesday, liverloaf; Wednesday, chicken with mushroom sauce; Thursday, kielbasa; and Friday, butterfly fish. Don't forget that you are supposed to call the Center a day in advance and make a reservation and the same holds true if you cannot make it. It is only right that you call and cancel so that extra food isn't cooked and then discarded.

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SCHOOL NEWS



Computer Dept. Expanding Rapidly

By Joanne Brown

Computer science is the most rapidly growing occupational field in the United States today, according to John Whalley, and well he might know.

Whalley has witnessed the annual increase in students at Agawam High who opt for courses in his department until this year's record 250 was set. Even then, he had to turn some students down. In addition, over seventy secondary-level teachers have enrolled in an in-service course designed to teach them basic computer techniques.

"There are very few jobs these days where workers aren't exposed to computers in some form, even if it's just a cash register or a gas station pump," Whalley points out. "Because of the tremendous amount of paper work required by governmental regulations, most businesses and even many homes now rely heavily on computers, and programmers are in great demand."

Whalley's students receive such thorough training in all aspects of computer usage that some manage to acquire jobs while still in high school courses, and many find work in the field as soon as they graduate.

Several Units Available For Training

Agawam High School houses six micro-computers and related components. These include Atari computers and keyboards, TV-screen type monitors, disk drives which store programed files, and a print-out device.

The main frame computer used by the town and the School Department for billing, payroll, scheduling, report cards, etc. is also stationed at the high school.

Students train on this Honeywell 20-20 unit as well as on the micro-computers. They study several com-

Program Of The Week

puter "languages" which are series of instructions which, when put together in logical order, make the computer produce as the programmer wants.

"Essentially, a computer language translates our thoughts into machine commands," explains Whalley.

Languages studied include FORTRAN, a math and science oriented language popular with research and chemical industries; COBOL, a business oriented language that's quite readable; and RPG, an alternate-business language which is more precise and coded.

The introductory course on the micro-computer teaches BASIC, a beginners' language which lends itself particularly well to that type of unit.

Students are also exposed to basic keypunch techniques, general instruction on how to operate computers, programming methods, and data processing procedures. Career guidance is also included in some courses.

Though many students elect these courses with specific career goals in mind, general college bound students can definitely benefit because all colleges now have terminals available to aid in classwork.

For those who know good programmers, several insurance companies are now offering "bounties" up to \$2,000 to employees who bring in programmers to their company.

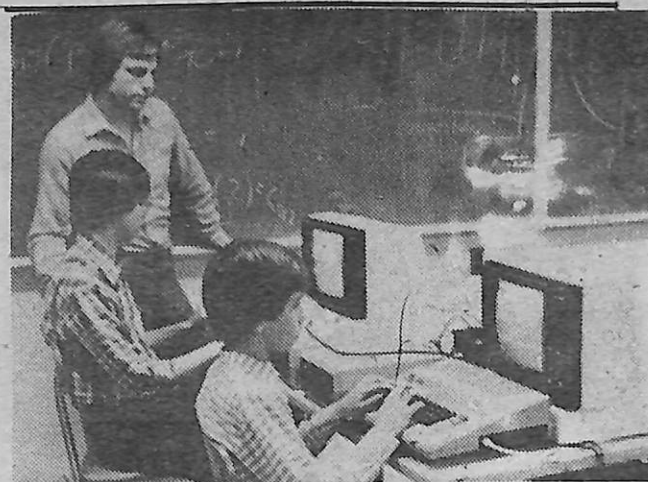
Whalley is in the process of applying for a federal grant to purchase more computers to add to his department, especially word processing units. He would like to expand his facilities into the business department as well as into the library where students could practice or study on computers during their free time.

The School Department bought five micro-computers last summer in order to meet the growing demand from students. Because of that purchase, the department is getting free equipment to enable them to use their present computers as word processors. Whalley hopes to be able to train students to develop a library of programs to be used on their machines.

AHS Students Develop Acclaimed Program

In fact, three 1981 Agawam High graduates developed a program on states and capitals that so impressed the New England representative for Atari that he took it to demonstrate at the national convention.

"He told me the program developed by David Hanson, Jack Jury, and Steve Moreau was much better than the one they were actually marketing," Whalley recalls. "He has taken the kids' program all over demonstrating what high school students are capable of producing."



INSTRUCTOR JOHN WHALLEY supervises Jeff White (left) and Tom Hanson as they learn to program a computer. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

According to Whalley, the Agawam boys did not even know a program similar to theirs existed when they began working on their project. They spent many hours in and out of school working on the finished program which includes three levels of difficulty in teaching students state outlines, capitals, nicknames, and representative flowers and birds.

Whalley also notes that Atari has given the Agawam system several free utility programs because they were allowed to use the boys' program.

In-Service Course Offered To Teachers

Teacher interest is especially keen with the inclusion of computers at the Junior High and Middle Schools. Whalley has scheduled three sessions of in-service courses for the seventy teachers from secondary-level schools who are interested in using computers available in their buildings.

One of these sessions began last week, and the others will be scheduled to accommodate the different dismissal times at the schools involved. Federal funds through the Hampshire Collaborative will cover expenses of the course.

Whalley also plans to spend several of his own free hours working with students in the newly-instituted Project S.E.E. for the gifted and talented. Through the project's teacher Ann Bradford, Whalley has arranged to bring these students to the high school and allow them actually to work on the computers doing some very simple programming.

The existence of such an extensive department within our school system along with the dedicated services of such an enthusiastic teacher as John Whalley can only be a major plus for Agawam students.

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Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo
Dept. Chairman

On Saturday, October 3 st, Agawam High juniors who have registered will take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, more commonly called the PSAT's. Over one million students in the country will take this test this week.

During the past three weeks, Mr. Porter has visited with juniors and explained the reasons for taking this test. He told them that students will find out he/she ranks among juniors across the country on the verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities measured by the test.

He also told them students can compare their test performances with that of a nationwide group planning to enter college. PSAT scores are an impartial assessment of one's ability to do college work and may be helpful to students as they discuss future plans and choices of colleges.

In addition, he told them PSAT's can be viewed as a preview of the SAT's which are required for college admissions in most cases. The PSAT is a shortened version of the SAT and scores can be used to estimate probable performance on the SAT. Also, practice on questions like those on the SAT and under similar testing conditions may give students greater confidence in approaching the SAT.

The PSAT is the qualifying test for students who wish to participate in the nationwide competition conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

Students also have the chance to participate in the Student Search of the College Board. Many students who participated in this search in the past years received materials from colleges or other schools containing information about educational and financial aid opportunities that they might not have learned about otherwise.

SCHEDULED COLLEGE CONFERENCES

Nov. 2: Florida Southern, 8 a.m.; Mount Vernon, 11:15 a.m.; Quinnipiac, 11:30 a.m.
Nov. 3: Curry College, 10 a.m.; Colgate U., 11:30
Nov. 4: Nichols College, 11 a.m.; Union College, 1
Nov. 5: Ripon, 8 a.m.; Thomas College, 10; American University, 10:45
Nov. 6: Northeastern U.,

AHS Band & Guard 3rd At Music Bowl

The Agawam High School Band and Color Guard took third place honors at the Northeast Music Bowl held last Sunday at the University of Massachusetts.

The local band missed out to East Brunswick, New Jersey, on second place by only 9/10 of a point and ended up only three points away from top scoring Gloucester in the small band division.

Agawam received the highest score for Overall Performance by several points, earned second in Music Performance by just one point, but lost enough points in the Marching classification to drop to third overall.

This Saturday, October 31st, the Agawam Junior High School Band will join with the Senior High Band and Color Guard for the half-time performance at the Chicopee Comp football game at Harmon Smith Field. In addition to a combined performance, the AHS Band will present most of its contest routine.

In other band activities, the Agawam Middle School Band did a fine job providing music for the Halloween Parade held last Sunday. This was their first performance of the year and the first time marching for many of the sixth graders.

Boy Scout Troop 82 Holds Court Of Honor

Boy Scout Troop 82 of Agawam Congregational Church recently held a Court of Honor to award badges to those scouts who have been hard at work.

Among awards given out were Scout to Richard Gingras and Jimmie Lajoie; Tenderfoot to Steven Yaeger; First Class to Raymond Stilwell and Brett Treganowan; Bronze Palm and Gold Palm to Joseph Longo.

Skill awards given out went to Glenn Bartels, Scott Bartels, John Bryan, Edward Drowns, Daniel Donatini, Michael Dumond, Richard Gingras, Todd Kane, Jimmy Lajoie, Joseph Longo, Chris Nichols, Dale Patnaude, Raymond Stilwell, Jeffrey Swales, Joseph Swales, and Brett Treganowan.

Joseph Longo and Dale Patnaude also attained the special award of Scout Lifeguard at summer camp.

Piranhas Gain New Coach

The Agawam Athletic Association's Piranhas Swim Team will be coached this season by Billy Vevier, who has done coaching for both Parks and Recreation and the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) in Windsor Locks.

Vevier is a Cathedral High graduate currently attending Springfield College. He has twelve years of swimming through Parks and Rec., AAU, and high school sponsorship.



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Thurs., Nov. 5: Oven roasted turkey w/gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered peas & carrots, wheat bread & butter, sweet potato cake, milk

Fri., Nov. 6: Filet of haddock sandwich, oven potato puffs, buttered niblet corn, ice cream, milk

Library Slates Story Hour

The Agawam Public Library will offer an after school story hour for elementary aged children on Thursday, November 5th, from 4 to 5 p.m.

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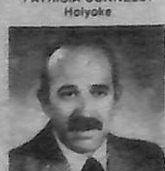
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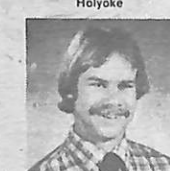
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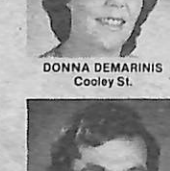
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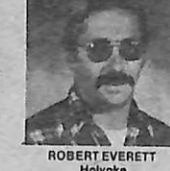
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TWO choppers go through their paces at the Army National Guard demonstration at the Agawam High School last week. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

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Lester Nominated To All-American High School Band

Andrew Lester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lester of Parkedge Drive, Feeding Hills, has been nominated for the All-American Band by Agawam High School Band Director Darcy Davis on the basis of his musical honors and solo contest ratings.

The nomination was announced by Helen Matychuk who manages the McDonald's restaurant on Suffield Street, Agawam. Lester was a member of this national band last year.

The All-American Band was formed in 1967 to honor outstanding high school musicians. Every year band directors across the country are invited to nominate two of their finest musicians, and from thousands of nominations, 104 students - two from each state and the District of Columbia, plus one each from the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico - are selected to represent their states in the band.

The 1981 band will perform in the nationally-televised Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, at halftime festivities of the Army-Navy game on November 28th, and in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day in California.

All band members are eligible for music scholarships from the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, and the National Music Camp, Interlochen, Michigan.

Yamaha International Corporation will award new, professional-model instruments to outstanding players in the band who are selected by the band music staff.



AS USUAL, the annual Halloween Parade, marched from the Agawam Middle School to the Food Mart was another big success. Sponsored by the Jayceettes and played to the tunes of the Middle School marching band, the parade is always a most popular attraction with Agawam's small spooks and goblins. Congratulations to the Jayceettes for another job well done in serving the children of Agawam. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Halloween In Agawam

By Dorine Kubik

"Hal-lo-ween, the witch is flying high; have you seen her broomstick in the sky?" Agawam ghouls and boos, don't forget to ghost to your Halloween Party on Saturday night, October 31st.

Parents are asked to check with the schools attended by their children for exact times of each party scheduled.

Pre-schoolers' parties have been set up at Sacred Heart Parish Center for Granger School kindergarten and pre-schoolers; at Agawam Congregational Church Hall for Phelps kindergarten and pre-schoolers; at the VFW Hall for Clark pre-schoolers; at American Legion Post 185 for Peirce pre-schoolers and Robinson kindergarten and pre-schoolers. All times scheduled are from 6:45 to 7:45 except for Granger, which runs from 7 to 8 p.m.

JoAnn Taylor, president of the Agawam Jayceettes, reported that 300 children participated in the annual Halloween Parade held last Sunday. Leftover candy and prizes were donated to the Shriners' Hospital.

Clever and unusual costumes worn by the children in the parade provided a preview of what will be donned this weekend. Refreshments and prizes were awarded by the "Great Pumpkin" and member of the Jayceettes.

Because "trick or treat" has been discontinued in Agawam, the Citizens Association for a Safe Halloween (C.A.S.H.) has prepared a program for October 31st under the direction of Safety Officer Alfred Longhi. This program was initiated twelve years ago by Chief Stanley Chmielewski, who was then safety officer.

David and Jeannie Clouse, chairpersons of C.A.S.H., have sent letters home through all Agawam elementary schools along with the Middle School and Junior High School instructing parents of children in grades kindergarten through nine as to time and place of parties. This program is also open to any Agawam children attending school outside of town.

Entertainment, refreshments, prizes, and candy will be provided at the parties. In grades 6 and 7 as well as grades 8 and 9, disc jockeys from WAQI will spin the latest hits.

Sgt. Longhi would like to extend his thanks to those local townspeople, businesses, clubs and organizations whose generosity with time and funds allow this program to be successful each year.

Snippets

Nicaragua was the first nation to accept formally the United Nations charter drawn up at the San Francisco Conference.

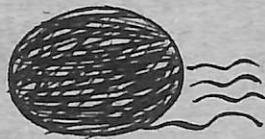
One of the "five pillars" of the Moslem religion is that all believers must fast during the daytime for the entire month they call Ramadan.

Nevada, which has an average yearly rainfall of 8.8 inches, is the driest state in the Union.

The Irish wolfhounds rank as the largest dogs.

The Icelandic language has remained essentially unchanged for 1,000 years.

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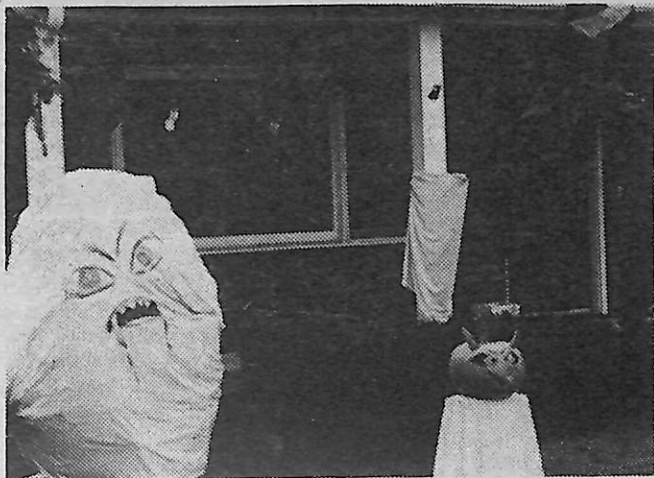
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Light Stuff... "Things That Go Bump In The Night"

By Jeanne Hofmann

COLDER DAYS - longer nights - fearsome visions - scary sights: It's Halloween, the time for finding a cozy corner by the fire where we can share some old wives tales about witches and superstitions.

Throughout history, folklore abounds with good and bad witches. In the days before the advent of medical science and organized religion, witches were respected members of the community. In fact, they were the first doctors!

Their remedies for illness were often effective because they were based upon a knowledge of herbs and psychology that still makes sense today. Our modern health food stores are doing a brisk business selling the same concoctions witches once dispensed - like rose hips, camomile tea and garlic pills.

Yesterday's good witches supposedly worked magical cures, made charms to ward off evil spells, and concocted "guaranteed" love potions. Bad witches were blamed for causing fresh milk to sour, hens to stop laying and bringing about all manner of plagues and pestilence.

In the Middle Ages, it was the community's decision which was "witch" and judgement was more harsh on those who lost favor among their peers. Many a poor woman whose patient died was burned at the stake for nothing more than having a birthmark on her shoulder or a pet that behaved strangely.

Beginning in the 1400's, the practice of witchcraft was a true "high risk" occupation, as witch hunts began in earnest when church authorities forbade such practices as anti-religious. Human nature being what it is, however, some stayed true to their calling and found willing participants in their rituals that have lasted through modern times.

While most of us reject their traditions, we are still carrying a few secret superstitions around in the back of our minds. Here are a few to explore, just for fun:

HALLOWEEN: Stand at a crossroad at midnight and listen to the wind. You will hear all the important things that are going to happen to you in the coming year... Hang garlic cloves around the house on Halloween night to protect yourself from evil spirits.

No harm will come to you if you are holding a horse's hair in your hand... or wearing a blue bead around your neck... witches are afraid of iron, so a horse shoe is a powerful good luck charm... Nail one to the front of your house or barn with the points up, so the good luck can't fall out of it.

ALL YEAR ROUND: Once you've gone through the spooky season, here are some everyday charms recommended by the folklore experts to keep things going well: Always carry an acorn in your pocket to insure good health and a long life... Put a fork in an upside down broom to drive unwanted guests from your house... Drive away bad luck by holding the back of your right hand to your face and spitting three times through your forefinger and middle finger (needless to say, make sure the wind is at your back if you try that one).

Lift your feet while driving over state lines and you will have good luck in all your travels. Black cats are only bad luck when they cross your path. If one walks toward you, it is a good luck omen. And if you own a black cat, your love life will always be happy. You can keep your youth by eating one snake a month at the time of the full moon... Cut your fingernails on Monday and you'll always have money.

PARTING THOUGHTS: Folklore studies assures us that there have been a lot more charms than curses passed down through the ages. We only have to name a fear and we can find a charm to dispel it, so we can all feel free to scare ourselves this weekend.

There is an old Scottish blessing that might come in hand and we share it with you now, along with wishes for a happy and safe Halloween.

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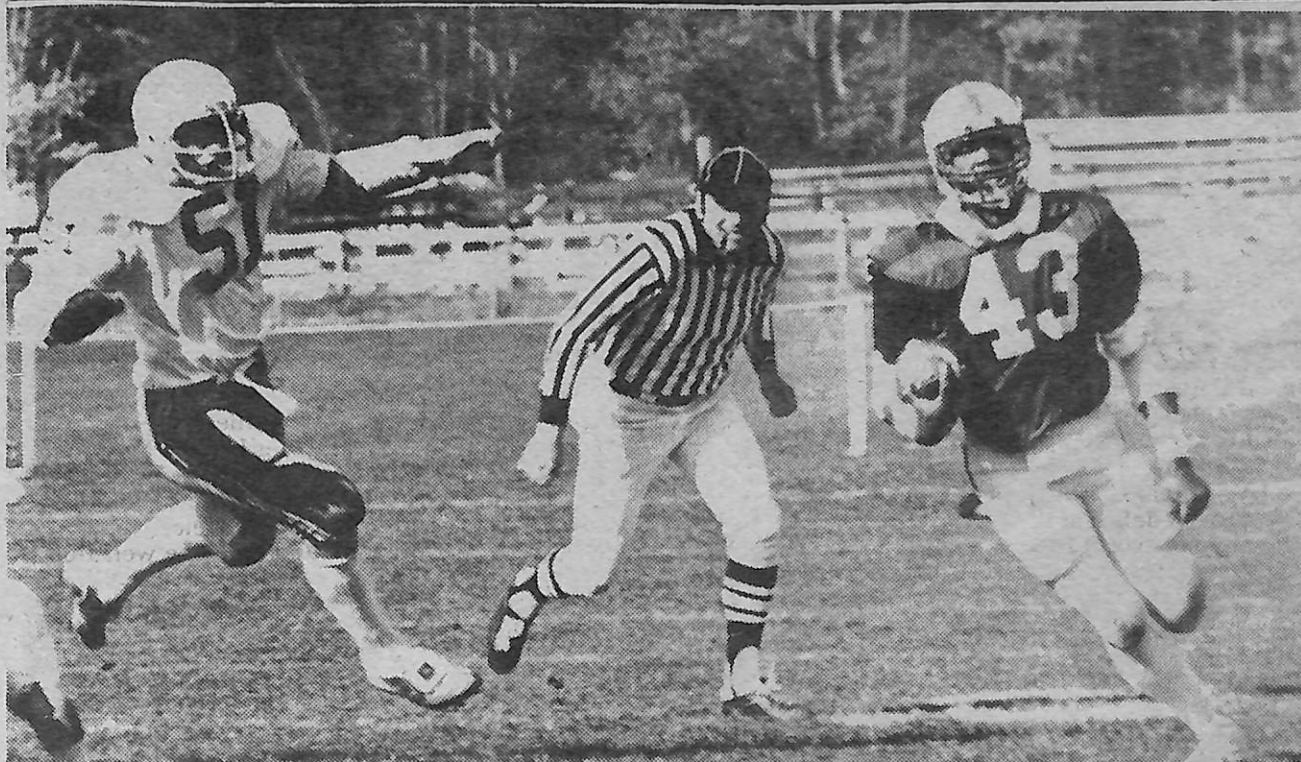
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SPORTS



BROWNIE SENIOR LINEBACKER SCOTT JOSEPHSON (51) chases Minnechaug Falcon back during first period action Saturday. The locals won 24-6 and Josephson turned in another All League performance. Advertiser/News by Jack Devine.

Brownies Victors Again, 24-6

By George Sandlin

The Agawam football Brownies, despite not playing their best, proved that they can win big even if the game plan goes somewhat off base.

In skirmishes such as Agawam's 24-6 victory over Minnechaug on Saturday, the Brownies appeared to be rolling over the outclassed Falcons but head coach Jack Michalak feels his club may have taken the contest without much emotion.

"I was not particularly pleased about the offense. I expected about a 30-point advantage a halftime and maybe I expected too much out of the kids," he said.

The obvious advantage the Brownies had over Minnechaug was in the running game where Agawam had approximately 8 times as many yards as Minnechaug could accumulate. Agawam doubled Minnechaug's output in the first down department. Agawam fumbled three times and recovered the ball twice.

The success the Brownies had experienced over the airplanes in recent weeks was not evident on Saturday, as Negrucci passed just for 20 yards, his lowest this fall. But with Dezielle smashing the Falcon line for 207 yards there wasn't much need to put the ball in the air.

In other key statistics, the Brownies punted the pigskin only three times while Minnechaug kicked on

eight instances. The officials earned their keep on Saturday, whistling eighteen penalties. Agawam had seven yellow-flags for six-seven yards and the Falcons had eight infractions worth 60 yards.

Even though Michalak wasn't particularly impressed with Agawam's overall performance, he did have much praise for linemen Jim Radcliffe, Steve Grasseti and Dezielle.

"I thought we would have to have variations in our defense but Grasseti prevented any changes with his super job," commented Michalak. Michalak's only complaint about the defense was the lack of pressure on the Falcons quarterback.

The locals return after 3 consecutive lop-sided victories on the road. The scrappy, hard-hitting boys from Chicopee Comp invade Harmon Smith Field on Saturday. The Holyoke, Westfield and West Springfield contests after Chicopee Comprehensive will determine the outcome of the AA Conference race.

Agawam remains along with the Suburban League powerhouse. Greenfield in the undefeated column and with all the marbles coming up in the next few weeks, Agawam's destiny will rely on their ability to move the football and continue to play their outstanding defense.

Around The Ends With The Brownies

By George Sandlin

Last Saturday the Brownies motored to Wilbraham for an AA Conference clash with the Falcons of Minnechaug Regional High School. The hometowners once again kept their record unblemished by stopping Minnechaug 24-6. Despite the one-sided triumph, head coach Jack Michalak was not pleased with his club's performance.

As usual, the ground game was spectacular, and paving the way was senior halfback Paul Dezielle. Dezielle piled up 207 yards (season high) and reached the goal line twice. He averaged 11.5 yards per carry (18 attempts) while being responsible for 2/3 of Agawam's offense. Adding the other scores were quarterback Scott Negrucci and place kicker Peter Lindsay. Negrucci had a 15-yard jaunt to paydirt while Lindsay was perfect on PAT's and booted a field goal.

Minnechaug's offense only had the appearance of one, gaining a meager 122 yards. The Falcons put together three consecutive passes covering 60 yards for their lone score. In the second half the Minnechaug rushing game was extinct, actually losing four yards. The Falcons could muster just 47 yards in four fruitless quarters on the ground.

Minnechaug's poor showing on offense can be attributed to the extremely stingy Agawam defense. The ring leaders of Saturday's defense were Mark Goodwin, Steve Grasseti, linebacker Scott Josephson, and outside linebacker Jim Radcliffe. Between Radcliffe and Goodwin they dropped the Falcons behind the line of scrimmage seven times.

Grasseti was praised by Michalak for a "super game." "He played more than admirably in the trenches." His was the second straight game that Radcliffe shutdown and contained the enemy's outside running attack.

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Jeff Danner's High 3 strings topped when Frank Rescigno dropped 6 more pins setting a new High 3-string record of 368--Jeff had previously held the record at 362. So now Jeff is teary-eyed with his friend, Ed Connor. Eddie had set a High Single record of 139 when Frank Rescigno went to bat dropping 7 more pins, setting a new record of 146. Because of Frank's 368 - the St. Mary team that Frank bowls on and is captained by Nicky Urbinati was able to cop 3 points from Villanova who is captained by Jay Danner.

Jay did try hard and dropped 318 pins but to no avail. They did concede 3 points to St. Mary's.

The St. Michael team - captained by Mike O'Connell, slipped out of first place by losing 4 points to St. Anselm. 427-407-425-1259. St. Anselm 447-417-454-1318. St. Anselm's captain, Ed Connor lost no time by taking first place. St. Michael is now in third place. Wipe those tears, Eddie

Captain Al Moccio - Georgetown jumped from sixth place to second place. Why - They stole 4 points from Catholic University - Jim Snyder captains Catholic University. Georgetown 439-471-443-1353. Catholic University 438-451-432-1321. Jim did his best but couldn't do it alone. He dropped 310 pins.

It was a sad night for Loyola captained by Eddie Anderson. They lost 4 points to Fordham - Loyola 426-455-450-1331. Fordham 432-470-457-1359. Ann O'Connell is captain of the Fordham team. Congratulations to Ann - she is the only woman captain in the league. Eddie tried his best - knocking down 336 pins.

St. Louis captain Jeff Danner and Notre Dame captain John Rescigno decided to split the 4 points thereby chalking up two points each. St. Louis 458-471-425-1354, Notre Dame 430-472-451-1353. Jeff dropped 306 pins. John dropped 300.

Brownie Gals Tie Comp, 1-1

By Charles Duclos

Agawam High's girls' soccer squad had a light schedule this past week with only one game on tap.

Pitted against Chicopee Comp, the Brownies turned in a great team effort in this 1-1 tie. Lisa Chevalier kept the game even with her point-getter, while continued big-foot action from Diane Goodman turned in the assist.

An indirect kick and a close-scoring situation by Comp in the third period was thwarted by the hometown gals, who formed a solid wall in front of the cage. Coach Barbara Stevens cited goalie Kelly Lizewski's outstanding play.

Stevens also pointed out that this tie was a terrific boost to Agawam's morale, as the Brownies have always lost to Comp in the past. As of the close of this reporting period, Comp was only one point ahead of A.H.S. in the league standing.

In J.V. action, Coach Lynda Kunasek's eleven went down to a 2-0 defeat at the hands (which cannot be used by anyone except the goalie) or how about the feet of Chicopee team from Comp. This gives the J.V.'s a 3 and 3 record thus far for the season with three games left in their schedule.

All home games for both the girls' and boys' soccer teams start at 3:00 p.m.



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Booters Experience Rough Waters

By Charles J. Duclos

"...and when she was good she was very, very good, but when she was bad she was horrid."

Coach Bob Sartwell's boys varsity soccer club had a record this past week that almost matched the weather...dismal. After dropping two, things became sunny with a 2-0 victory over Holyoke.

First, the bad. The Brownies took the Purple Knights' home field and that's about all. Everything else seemed to be left at home. This hometown team was king of the hill in the standings at showtime while the Paper City eleven ranked third with a 2-6 record. Sometimes it's good to eat a slice of humble pie.

We've followed most of the careers of these young men since they played for the Agawam Soccer Association/Pioneer Valley Soccer League. How many times did we hear such basic things from Coach Bill O'Brien and his assistant, Doug Chevalier, "Play position, Mark Your man, Pass, etc. etc. etc.". But, alas, these basics were forgotten and Holyoke won 1-0.

Friday's West Side game was not so much a tilt as it was an exercise in preparing to run as mudders at Naragansett or Lincoln Downs. With heavy rain throughout most of the action, the game could have gone to either team. West Springfield won, 6-3 but as Sartwell indicated, "A more realistic score would have been 4-3. If my goalie hadn't been wearing glasses during the downpour, he'd have stopped at least two of those goals."

Billy O'Brien sank two in this game while Carmen Romeo picked up one; his fourth of the season and O'Brien's fifth.

Holyoke came to Harmon Smith Field for their second try at the Brownies. This time Agawam did their homework and got quick revenge in the opening half as Davey Jenks capitalized on a dropped ball by the goalie. Kevin Kamyk set up the vital play which allowed Carmen Romeo to push Agawam ahead by two, which was the final score as the Brownies shutout the Knights and registered a badly needed victory.

Bill O'Brien's junior varsity team placed three in their win column. They devastated Holyoke twice and topped Chicopee Comp in a 1-0 squeaker. In that once, little Frank Cavallo dropped in an unassisted goal which proved to be the fatal blow to Comp.

At the time, Coach O'Brien credited Steve Jury and up-front man Keith Hollinger for excellent ball skills.



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Sportsmen Corner

By Bill Chiba

As of this writing three local bowhunters were successful the first weekend of the bowhunting season in Vermont. Noel Brown took a 120 pound doe, Dave Furoni, a 90 pound spike horn buck and Bill Duncan a 124 pound doe.

When I left Duncan's camp last Friday, Don Sprandel of Agawam, was muttering in his beer: "How could I miss with three arrows at 30 feet." He was so distraught I thought he would go violent any him to install his portable tree stand. That night about bagged his doe, he took Don to the spot and helped him to install his portable tree stand. That night about 5:45 P.M. a nice fat rack buck came prancing along the run Don was watching. The buck stopped about 30 feet from the stand to investigate some delectable forage. Don confidently pulled his bow back and fired. The buck moved slightly and then investigated the arrow sticking at a slant in the forest floor. Don repeated the act three more times and the buck finally decided that those falling sticks might get dangerous and moved further down the hill.

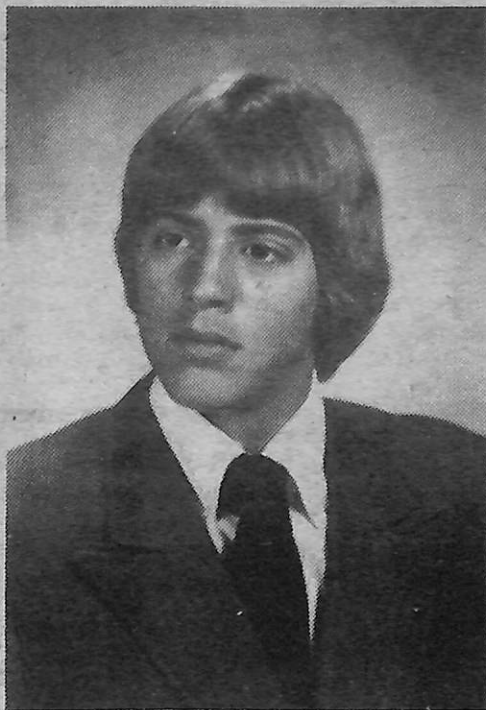
Unknown to the buck, "Mac" McNamara, Springfield, and membership chairman of the Agawam Bowmen, was staking out a lonely apple tree. The buck ended up under the tree looking for some goodies. Mac estimated the deer at 15 yards distance and drew carefully back, walking the string for the fifteen yard shot. Thug! was the sound of the arrow as it hit the dirt under the buck. He jumped about 20 feet, turned around, looked up at Mac, turned and strode defiantly down the hill. This is bowhunting, practice and practice and then when the opportunity awaits, miss the deer. Both Don and Mac are not alone in the experience that they had. Most every bowhunter that has been hunting for a period of time has had similar experiences.

Lance Poirer put in the last weekend hunting with the bow in Vermont in Wardsboro. Sunday evening he had laboriously climbed to the top of a steep ridge. On the ridge was a stone wall running across it. A marvel of how hard the early settler worked to clear his fields for pasturing.

Lance sat down on the wall next to a large tree to get his breath. He placed his bow against a smaller tree to his left. Within minutes after settling in for a much needed rest, he heard a snapping of small twigs to his right and on the other side of the wall. Slowly turning his head, he caught his breath up short, not ten feet away from him stood two does. They were looking at him, trying to make out what the frustrated lump was on the wall next to the tree.

Slowly and with great pain, Lance reached for his bow, the deer watching the operation very closely. The larger doe blew loudly through its nose and they bounded away, much to Lance's chagrin.

The axiom among bowhunters, "always keep the bow in your hand at all times" holds true in this case. Lance plodded down the grade and has viewed the scene a hundred times over in his mind. An episode that he will remember for a long time.



TIM SCANLON

Scanlon Plays SC Soccer

Tim Scanlon, son of Mrs. Irene Scanlon of 49 North Street, Agawam, is among those playing varsity soccer at Springfield College this season.

Springfield College Chiefs are coached for the 33rd year by Irv Schmid, who has coached four New England championship teams and one national championship squad. The Chiefs are competing for the second year in the Northeast-8 Conference, having finished in second place last year with a 4-2 league mark.

Scanlon, a senior back who played at Agawam High under Coach Paul Blodgett, is an environmental science major at the college.

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Edward A. Caba
Purchasing Agent
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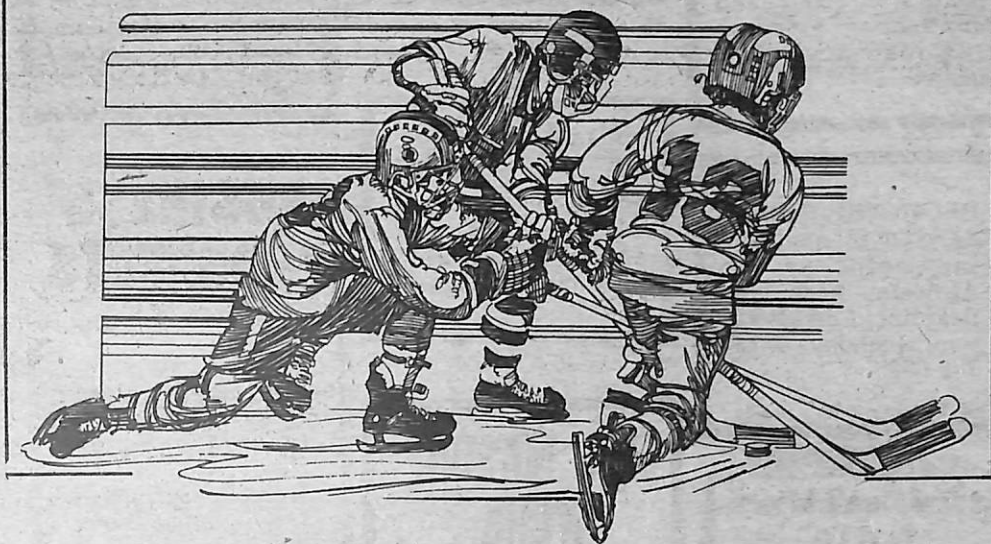
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Thank-You All!

ASA Girls Soccer Action 9-10



MELLISSA DAIGNAULT makes a good save for the Golden Eagles, though in a losing cause as the undefeated Blue Devils racked up yet another victory last Saturday. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION

BOYS

(As Of October 25th)

9-10 Division

TEAM	W	L	TIE	PTS
Connor's Falcons	8	0	0	16
Clark's Mustangs	6	1	1	13
Williams' Wolves	4	3	1	9
Shameklis' Cougars	2	2	4	8
Noll's Tornadoes	2	4	2	8
Cosgrove's Cosmos	2	3	3	7
Canata's Appollos	1	6	1	3
Deveno's Toros	0	6	2	2

11-12 Division

TEAM	W	L	TIE	PTS
Merceri's Sounders	8	0	1	17
DiLullo's Appollos	4	1	3	11
Gerstung's Mustangs	3	2	3	9
Poole's Falcons	3	3	2	8
Mailloux' Tornadoes	2	5	1	5
Kozloski's Beacons	0	8	0	0

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AGAWAM VOTERS QUIZ

1. Who Wanted Ambulance Fees?
2. Who Spent \$10,000 To Study Town Hall Pay Raises?
3. Who Increased Water Rates?
4. Who Eliminated The Park And Recreation Programs?
5. Who Increased Sewer Rates?
6. Who Wasted Tax Dollars On The Town Lawn?
7. Who Closed The Town Dump?
8. Who Eliminated The Weekly Garbage Pick-Up?
9. Who Re-Painted Brand New Cruisers And Town Equipment?
10. Who Wanted Rubbish Fees?
11. Who Spent Thousands On Outside Consultants?

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